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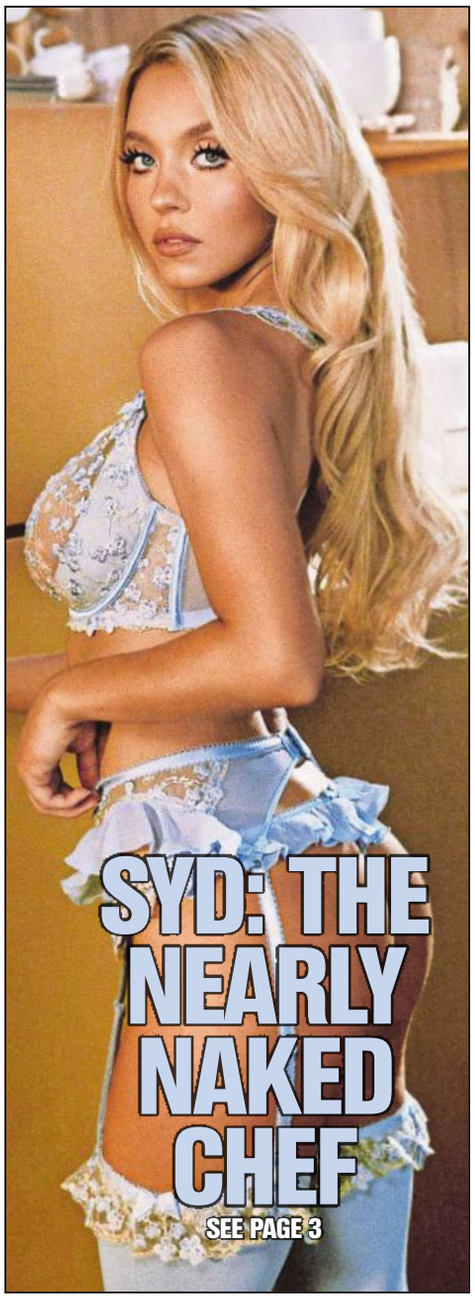

ANDREW EX'S COMEBACK

First Harry & Meg, now..

FERGIE'S COMING HOME

She rents UK house after exile

EXCLUSIVE
by MATT WILKINSON

SARAH Ferguson is coming back from exile just days after Harry and Meghan's return.

The ex-wife of Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor is renting a £10,000-a-week house in the Home Counties. Fergie, 66, *inset*, fled Britain after emails to Jeffrey Epstein were revealed.

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BACKTRACK ON 3% SPEND

HEALEY'S U-TURN ON DEFENCE CASH

Chancellor . . . on day out

CHANCELLOR John Healey has sparked a hypocrisy row after backtracking on the military cash boost he previously demanded.

He quit as Defence Secretary in June after then-PM Sir Keir Starmer failed to put a timeline on when Armed Forces spending would hit three per cent of GDP.

In his resignation letter, he wrote: "I am being forced to make decisions that would reduce the readiness of our forces and could make the country less safe."

By JACK ELSOM, Political Editor

But in his new role under PM Andy Burnham, he is not expected to make the commitment in October's Budget.

Instead he will wait until the Spending Review next year, with no guarantee of pledging to meet three per cent by the decade's end.

Ministers have promised to hit the higher Nato 3.5 per cent commitment by 2035, up from 2.4 per cent currently.

Shadow Defence Secretary James Cartlidge said: "It is extraordinary he is backtracking on the very pledge which sealed the fate of the last PM." An ex-Starmer aide said: "Healey's resignation was never a matter of principle. It was about triggering a leadership crisis in support of the grubby deal he'd made with Andy Burnham."

An ally of the Chancellor called the allegation "complete nonsense". The Government said it will "set a target date" in next year's review.

THE US has threatened to oppose British sovereignty over the Falklands in a bid to persuade PM Andy Burnham to increase defence spending. A Washington official told The Telegraph: "Nothing is being ruled out."

'DECISIONS COULD MAKE THE COUNTRY LESS SAFE'
- HIS RESIGNATION LETTER FROM JUNE

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UK WEATHER'S BACK

By FEDERICA ADRIANI

BRITAIN was hit by downpours ahead of a washout Bank Holiday weekend.

Flash floods forced drivers to slog through submerged streets as torrential rain hit Birmingham on Thursday, *right*.

Meanwhile, fans wore plastic ponchos to shelter from the rain at the Reading Festival yesterday, *inset*, as the Met Office issued a warning for downpours and thunderstorms.

More wet weather is forecast for today, tomorrow and Monday after a series of summer heatwaves led to drought and hosepipe bans.

PM SKIPS VOTE

ANDY Burnham plans to abstain on the assisted dying vote in Parliament next month.

The PM will allow Labour MPs a free vote of conscience while the Government will remain neutral.

It is the same protocol Sir Keir Starmer enacted when the legislation first came to the Commons. But whereas Sir Keir voted in favour, Mr Burnham has vowed not to partake on September 11.

He said: "I of course, have my own views on the issue.

"However, I am also clear that this is a matter for Parliament to decide. I also do not want to unduly influence the debate."

DON GOLF RAID 'TERROR LINK'

PROSECUTORS claim seven people charged over pro-Palestine graffiti daubed at Donald Trump's Turnberry golf complex in Ayrshire last year had a "terrorist connection".

A course was also damaged. A hearing due in Glasgow on Monday has been moved to October.

PUTIN'S WARNED

DONALD Trump's spy chief went on a secret mission to Moscow to deliver a blunt warning to Vladimir Putin not to attack Nato nations, it was revealed yesterday.

CIA boss John Ratcliffe flew to Russia on Tuesday on a military plane but the reason was not disclosed.

White House sources now say it was to warn Russia amid tensions, including the UK's support for Ukraine.

President Trump's message was delivered to Russia's FSB security service head and passed on to Putin.

But the tyrant yesterday tried to scare Nato by test launching a nuclear-capable intercontinental missile.

Council chief . . Harris

Reform's security hire vow

By JULIA ATHERLEY and JOHN LUCAS

PRIVATE security guards will be hired by a council over asylum seeker worries for the first time.

Leaders at Reform-run Essex blasted Home Office plans to increase the number of migrants living at a former RAF base from around 800 to as many as 1,245.

Minibuses take residents of the Wethersfield centre into Braintree, Colchester and Chelmsford each day.

Council leader Peter Harris spoke of safety fears "particularly among women and girls" and said security officers will patrol the areas.

Meanwhile, Reform says it will use its conference next week to unveil how it would start fixing "broken Britain" in a first 100 days of government.

Costa migrants — Pages 18 & 19

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Rail staff attacked

ASSAULTS on railway staff have soared in the past five years but prosecutions have slumped, alarming figures show.

Of the 4,083 attacks reported to British Transport Police last year, only 320 ended in convictions.

In 2024, 559 of the 3,642 offences resulted in a prosecution. Offences have risen a staggering 68 per cent since 2021.

Shadow Transport Minister Jerome Mayhew said: "Labour is letting down the very people who keep our railways running."

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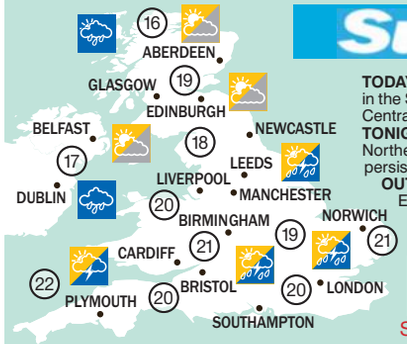

TODAY: Rain affecting Northern England, with showers in the South and West. Cloudy conditions expected in Central and Eastern regions.

TONIGHT: Rain is expected across Western and Northern England, while mostly cloudy conditions persist in Central and Southern regions.

OUTLOOK: Sunday sees thunderstorms in Western England, while Monday brings mostly cloudy skies and rain in the East.

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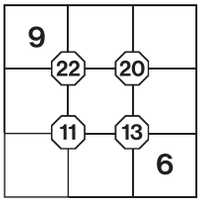

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

COMEDIAN **LENNY HENRY, 68**, *left*, actors **ELLIOTT GOULD, 88**, Ghosts star **CHARLOTTE RITCHIE, 37**, *right*, TV Gladiator **HENRY AIKINES-ARYEETEY, 38**, and Liverpool winger **RIO NGUMOHA, 18.**

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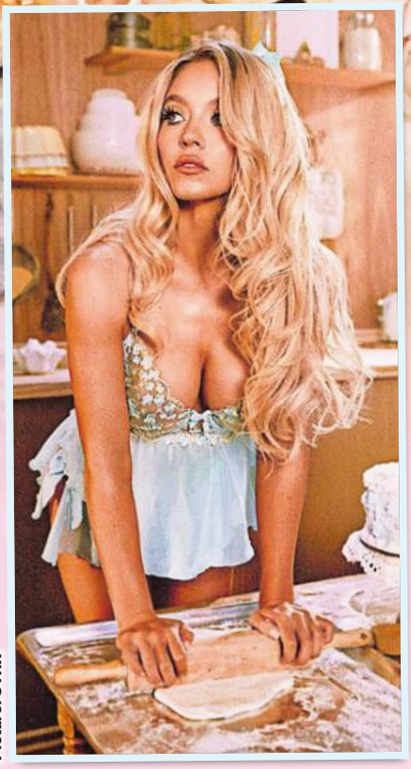

Picture: SYRN

SYDNEY Sweeney turns up the heat in the kitchen as she bakes a birthday cake in her new lingerie line.

The Euphoria actress does not turn 29 until September 12 but celebrated early in a typically provocative video.

One scene sees her go topless, covered by a couple of buns. In another she wipes her floury hands on her bottom, and slips off her thong.

She also crawls on a table in black lace and licks icing off a cake adorned with hearts, which bears the message: "I really really love you."

By JACK HARDWICK

Sydney was modelling a new collection from her SYRN lingerie brand, entitled Birthday Boobs.

She said: "I'm a lovergirl at heart, so of course I wanted my birthday collection to be romantic. It felt like the perfect excuse to make something really feminine and special."

One fan said of the video, liked more than a million times on Instagram: "It's like it's everyone's birthday."

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My secret sauce for making Top Gear a ratings winner: Every Monday I'd think, 'Right, what can I do to annoy the BBC this week?

Clarkson PAGE 15

SEVEN MORE ARRESTS IN

FORMER MAYOR SAYS CRIMINALS DON'T FEAR 'SOFT JUSTICE SYSTEM'

Crisis . . yesterday's front page

By **PAUL SIMS**, Special Correspondent, and **GRACE MACASKILL**

THE former mayor of terror town Middlesbrough claims "untouchables" control the streets — as yobs torched cars in sick tribute to one of the A66 crash carnage gang.

Andy Preston said "soft justice" had created a criminal underbelly on the fringes of society who, instead of being locked up, had "ruined, polluted and tortured" the lives of the law-abiding majority.

His comments came after 200 specialist police were deployed in the town to restore order — and last night it was revealed that the number arrested since the disorder began stood at 24.

Those held most recently were to be quizzed on suspicion of crimes including intent to endanger life, arson and class A drugs offences.

Speaking of the town's criminal fraternity, Mr Preston said: "There's a sense that they are untouchable.

"They frequently seem to be unarrestable or certainly unconvictable and rarely seem to be in prison. And the system, whether that's the police or the council or the court system, just doesn't care.

"What we're seeing now is the product of years of being soft. Years of being desensitised."

He spoke out after five stolen cars were torched in the vigil for Michael Cahill, 23. He was one of the gang five who died in the head-on collision at 3.39am last Saturday which killed two police officers in their car.

Footage showed youths speeding across a field in Cahill's memory before setting the stolen motors alight in Haswell, Co. Durham and letting off fireworks and flares.

The sickening tribute which follows a week of violence that has cost nine lives — including that of seven-year-old Valentina Foster in a fire — was condemned last night as "completely unacceptable".

But Mr Preston, who was mayor between 2019 and 2023, said the "ferocity and rapidity" of the gangland feud was years in the making.

He said: "There are significant, small, but growing pockets of lawlessness in society, people with no values. They torture the lives of decent working-class people.

"We've been too full of empathy, sympathy and seeking rehabilitation. These are all good things, but the first thing we have to do when you've got a character making other people's lives a misery is to lock them up.

"We don't do that enough. Police are scared to do what needs to be done."

Violence erupted in the wake of the crash which killed PC Matthew Blades, 37, and PC Tom Clough, 38. The firearms cops died instantly when a VW Passat with cloned plates to avoid detection drove on the wrong side of the road to escape a high-speed police chase.

The five in the Passat — Cahill, Jakub Matusiak, 23, Makai Saddington, 18, and 17-year-olds Cole Worthy and Theo Rae — were also pronounced dead at the scene. The gang were touring Middlesbrough after homes linked to them were rammed by rivals in a Volvo XC60.

First, a property belonging to Worthy's dad, Gye, 38, was hit. Moments later, the Volvo shunted an Audi into Rae's home.

The Audi, owned by Rae's mum, Hollie Marie, was pulled out of the property as police flooded the area amid fears of reprisals.

By then, Rae and Worthy had joined the others to search for the culprits. They were spotted by police who immediately gave chase.

The pursuit lasted seven minutes before the chasing officers abandoned the pursuit on the A66. Ten seconds later, the Passat hit the armed response unit being driven by married dad PC Blades and Iraq war veteran PC Clough.

The fallout saw the gangland feud worsen and another house was rammed in the days that followed before a fire-bombing killed Valentina and her aunt Natalie McDonald, 34. A man was also stabbed.

Police have said they are satisfied the fire and crash are not linked.

Seventeen people — 14 men and three women — were arrested amid a "fast-moving and complex" probe into organised crime. Seven more men were later held with four of them — aged 21, 25, 35 and 40 — last night in custody on suspicion of criminal damage with intent to endanger life, arson and possession with intent to supply class A drugs.

They were in a Mercedes stopped by cops in Kingsley Road, Grangetown, at 10.30pm on Thursday. They found Class A drugs inside it.

The arson relates to a caravan blaze in Attlee Road in Middlesbrough at 5.30am on Wednesday.

The criminal damage with intent to endanger life relates to a vehicle ramming incident at a home in Steele Crescent, Middlesbrough.

Swoop . . . armed police in Thornaby, Teesside, and, below, arrest

THE UNTO

Victim . . . Valentina, seven

LAWLESS MIDDLESBROUGH

Tribute . . Michael Cahill had stolen cars torched in his memory by thugs

YOBS TORCH CARS IN LATEST SICK TRIBUTE TO 'JOYRIDE' VICTIM

Farewell . . . balloons released and, below, wrecked cars

UCHABLES

Three other men were arrested and released on conditional bail. Officers also seized £15,000.

A 23-year-old was nicked on suspicion of threats to kill. A 42-year-old faces the same accusation and possession of criminal property. The third, 30, was arrested on suspicion of possession of criminal property.

Cleveland Police Assistant Chief Constable Wayne Fox said: "This latest disruptive activity brings the total number of arrests to 24 since the investigation commenced. Several suspects arrested have been charged with serious offences with a number of offenders been recalled to prison. This robust approach demonstrates our commitment and determination to pursue those we believe are intent on causing serious violence and harm to our communities.

"Our relentless pursuit of suspected organised criminals will not waver. I want to encourage anyone who believes serious violence and organised crime is taking place in their neighbourhood to report it so we can keep on taking action."

Nevertheless, local MP Andy McDonald said gang violence was out of control and had spread fear across Middlesbrough. He said: "This is terrorism and we've got to have an appropriate response to deal with the people causing such mayhem in our communities so people can lead their peaceful lives."

One man in his 60s told The Sun: "The whole area has been ignored for decades. There's people walking about with cans of lager at 11am and then the smackheads come out.

"Decent people don't feel safe. Everyone is just waiting to see what will happen next." Another says: "I've lived here for more than 30 years and never seen it this bad."

A third added: "It's taken the death of two policemen to bring these problems to light when the people of the Boro have been asking for help for years."

Local MP Anna Turley said: "We've had a high level of crime in this area for a long time now. Every appropriate power available must be used to protect our communities."

On the tribute to Cahill, Assistant Chief Constable Jon McAdam, of Durham Constabulary, said: "The behaviour we saw was completely unacceptable." He condemned those using the A66 tragedy as an excuse for disorder "and expect the overwhelming majority of the public would join us."

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Gathering . . . youths

Gotham City but without Batman

By PAUL SIMS and GRACE MACASKILL

"IT'S like living in Gotham City without Batman," said one fed-up local. "There aren't enough cops."

It is a sad indictment of once-proud Middlesbrough, famed for its rich industrial heritage.

The town was an iron and steel powerhouse in its heyday. Poverty has stolen its glory days and turbo-charged mob rule where crime is king.

The communities of South Bank, Grangetown and Eston, a Bermuda Triangle, are trapped by its dark heart.

They don't talk about organised crime gangs here. They talk about friends who happen to work together doing things that are against the law.

And those who enter into a deal with the Devil, the ones who trade their souls for wads of cash, become family. One member says: "We're richer than most people who live in Middlesbrough. Everyone has each other's back.

"We're not thick. We know what we're doing."

Middlesbrough has the highest crime rate in England and Wales. It was a matter of time before the powder keg exploded.

But few living here – numb to the daily carnage – could have imagined it would go up like this.

Fear and loathing is palpable but few believe the police can restore order.

House rammings – known locally as "parking a car in your front room" – have been going on for months in a tit-for-tat campaign among gangs.

For the most part, their work is done under cover of darkness, and mainly by foot soldiers.

But this week the underworld turf war bubbling up in the shadows burst out into the open.

Eddie Stott, 62, who saw a knife attack in his street on Thursday, says the extra police couldn't have come sooner, adding: "We need to get control back from the criminals."

Rammed . . . house

ROSS CLARK — SEE PAGE 10

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ANDY'S EX RENTS NEW HOME

Shock . . Sun reveals Harry & Meghan's return from the US

Found . . we locate Fergie in Austria

You wait ages for a red-haired royal to return to UK, then 2 come along at once

FERGIE'S COMEBACK AFTER HARRY

EXCLUSIVE by MATT WILKINSON & EMILY-JANE HEAP

SARAH Ferguson is set to become the second red-haired royal to move back to the UK in a matter of days.

She is returning from exile hot on the heels of Prince Harry, who touched down with wife Meghan and their kids on Wednesday after six years in the US.

Fergie, 66, is renting a £10,000-a-month, six-bed property as she plots a comeback after the Jeffrey Epstein storm which engulfed her shamed ex Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor.

Her new gated home is situated in the Home Counties, though The Sun is not revealing the specific location.

It comes after she was evicted from Royal Lodge in Windsor in February, along with Andrew, and has not set foot in the UK for at least seven months.

A source said: "She's had her eyes on a return for some time but it takes time to find the right new house.

"She hasn't had to worry about accommodation for 20 years as she had Royal Lodge with Andrew. Now's the right time to get back to her life.

"With everyone looking out for Harry and Meghan, she thought she could slip back under the radar after seven months away."

Removal vans picked up some of her stuff at Andrew's home in Sandringham this week.

Fergie is expected to move in to her new place "imminently" and will likely be in by Monday.

It has three bathrooms and a "granny annexe". A skip was in the drive as the house was being cleared while engineers have been fitting super-fast wifi.

Fergie was stripped of her Duchess of York title last October by King Charles amid worsening Epstein allegations.

The mum of two has been seen a handful of times since, including being tracked down by The Sun to a £2,000-a-night spa resort in Austria.

Fergie has also been staying at a Swiss Alpine chalet in Verbier belonging to her ex-lover and benefactor Paddy McNally.

She did not attend his funeral in the UK earlier this month.

Fergie is also not believed to have seen her daughter Princess Eugenie and new grandchild Adelaide in Portugal, despite reports to the contrary.

Andrew, also stripped of his royal titles, remains under police investigation over his links to his paedo pal Epstein.

He was arrested on his 66th birthday in February accused of misconduct in a public office. He denies any wrongdoing.

Last year, The Sun on Sunday revealed Fergie had written to Epstein, calling him a "supreme friend", despite his conviction for sex crimes. More allegations of contact between the two emerged in the Epstein Files.

US Congressman Suhas Subramanyam has urged her to testify about their ties, though there is no suggestion she has committed a criminal offence.

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Good vibrations . . . ex-prince's Range Rover has massage seats

ANDREW'S £120K CAR

EXCLUSIVE by ED SOUTHGATE

SHAMED Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor heads out in a new £120,000 Range Rover.

The former prince's hybrid SUV combines a three-litre engine with an electric motor — and features luxury leather seats with a massage function.

He was seen driving the Range Rover Autobiography through the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk. The 66-year-old downsized to a farm there after being turfed out of Royal Lodge in Windsor in February.

Andrew had been arrested and released on suspicion of misconduct in public office but denies any wrongdoing.

Gone for a spin . . . shamed Andrew in powerful hybrid motor

PETROL PRICE IS HIGHEST IN 4YRS

PRESSURE is mounting on the Chancellor to keep fuel duty down as drivers are hammered by soaring prices at the pumps.

Petrol costs surged to their highest level in almost four years at 161.6p a litre this summer, while diesel climbed back to 183.4p.

Hopes were raised that Chancellor John Healey would keep duty frozen at his Autumn Budget after an interview with The Sun.

By TOM SCOTSON

Our Keep It Down campaign has helped halt rises since 2011.

But motorists are now being squeezed by rocketing prices amid the Iran War.

And the temporary 5p-a-litre cut in duty introduced by the Tories at the start of the Ukraine War is also set to be axed from January.

Watchdogs have warned a lack of competition is keeping pump prices stubbornly high.

The AA's Luke Bosdet said competitive forecourts can pull down average prices locally, adding: "Drivers just need to find them and go to them."

Research found garages in many areas, including Aylesbury, Bucks, Gloucester and Manchester, often charge around 10p a litre less than the average.

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579 DEAD IN RESCUE IN HELL OF MUD

BY AMIR RAZAVI
Senior News Correspondent in Kathmandu

THE hunt for 33 Brits missing after flash floods ripped through the Nepal-Tibet border continued last night — as relatives desperately clung to hope.

Some of the missing's loved ones began arriving in Kathmandu yesterday to help the desperate search efforts.

A heartbreaking picture emerged of a wealthy family-of-four from Surrey who disappeared during their pilgrimage to Mount Kailash with operator Alpine Eco Tours.

They are businessman Santosh Sahu, 46, his wife Surabhi, 44, a former Mrs India UK runner-up and ex-banker, plus daughter Syna, 13, and son Spandan, 18.

They smile in the photograph as they pose next to their bus in the picturesque Himalayas.

Santosh and Surabhi ran a London tech firm together and later launched a booming pharmaceutical company. They live in a £1.3million six-bed home in Cobham, Surrey, where neighbours described them as "a wonderful family".

They were among 11 Brits travelling with the tour company, which lost contact with them at 8.40am at immigration on the Gyirong border.

Some 2,500 people are missing after a glacier collapse triggered the wave of water and mud which thundered down the mountains at around 100mph.

Among those searching for relatives yesterday was Manjula Atmakur, 50, whose psychiatrist husband Pravin Atmakur, 54, has not been heard from since Wednesday's "tsunami from the air".

She vowed: "I came here with the only agenda that I want to take Pravin back home alive."

Her husband, who she has a son with, was born in southern India, but moved to Britain for an NHS career. He was leading 77 pilgrims to Mount Kailash in China-controlled Tibet, beginning on August 15 — the last time psychiatric consultant Manjula heard from him.

Manjula, from the West Midlands, criticised the British government's response, saying: "We clearly feel let down by the British government.

"There is no information. They are waiting for China to share the information updates."

Naresh Goyal, whose sister Neetu Goyal Tiwari, 51, is among the missing Brits, has also travelled to help the search. He pleaded: "Please help us find her."

Pramod Poudel, from Uckfield, East Sussex, was set to land in Kathmandu last night. He has not been able to contact his wife Sumitra, his mum, brother or uncle.

Other Brits missing include senior nurse Sarada Simkhada, from Kent, Nabhi Nandan Das, a Hindu priest from South London, and Leena Bector, from Slough.

Last night, the official death toll in Nepal stood at 579, with more than 1,900 missing. At least five have died in Tibet, where 558 have also disappeared. The Red Cross said some 90,000 people have been affected by the floods.

Bodies have washed up hundreds of miles from the disaster zone, with one found around 250 miles away in Lumbini, Nepal.

Three were also discovered more than 100 miles away in the northern Indian states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Fears continued to grow over a fresh wave of deadly floods yesterday, after one of the two lakes formed by the disaster began overflowing into the Lhende Khola and

By AMIR RAZAVI

VIDEO footage shows Nepali soldiers rescuing 100 survivors trapped in a mud-filled tunnel.

Troops crawled through the thick mire caused by the floods to drag them to safety.

Some were piggybacked out of the tunnel at a hydropower project in Rasuwa district.

GLACIER COLLAPSE HORROR

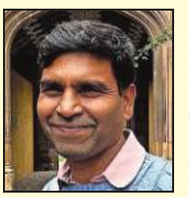
FIND THEM

Smiling Brit family in photo on doomed trip

Swept away . . . water and mud crash into buildings at border

Relatives fly to Nepal to join in the search

UK TOURISTS IN DISASTER



Pravin Atmakur

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Sarada Simkhada

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Leena Bector

Trishuli rivers. Rescue operations were halted for three hours on both the Nepal and China sides, but later resumed.

The risk will remain until both of the lakes are fully drained.

Officials in Nepal insist they are still hopeful of finding survivors, despite one travel chief previously warning there was just a "one per cent chance" of doing so.

The Sun yesterday arrived in Nepal's capital Kathmandu, where we saw grim scenes at one of the country's largest hospitals.

Scores of locals with fearful faces looked at a fence full of pictures to see if their loved ones were among the gallery of victims.

More than a dozen pictures of the unidentified dead – too graphic to publish in this newspaper – were plastered across the panels, including those of young children.

Some victims were so badly injured that identification from images alone seems impossible.

In chaotic scenes at the Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital, hundreds of distraught locals packed the grounds to see if their lost relatives were there.

Business owner Karma Singh Lama, 45, was one of those who went looking for answers. His uncle Dupsang Tamang, 40, and brothers, Suman and Milan Tamang, 48 and 38, were guides returning from a tour to Mount Kailash. Karma told The Sun: "I know the dead bodies are being kept here, so I came. I'm not sure if my family are here, I just suspect they are. I last heard from them at 5am on the day the floods began, then we lost contact.

"I cannot express in words how worried I am about them."

There were 25 bodies being stored in the hospital's mortuary yesterday, with a further 20 set to arrive. Eight other hospitals are also dealing with flood victims. Like Karma, panicked relatives have been racing around them, hoping to find their loved ones.

Arts student Binayak Raz Panta, 29, came looking for his four aunts and uncle who got swept away while on a bus trip to Gosaikunda, another pilgrimage site.

Their driver had stopped the vehicle out of concern, and Binayak's brother Rabindra Devkota got out. Moments later, the vehicle was washed away.

Binayak said: "I have come here with hope, to see if we can find some missing bodies. My brother survived but he is traumatised."

Teacher Peter Sharma, 31, pinned up a poster of his missing brother-in-law, Dhan Bahadur Nepali, 35, on the hospital wall. Dhan had been working on a hydroelectric project on the Trishuli River and he has not been heard from since.

Peter said: "We've had no contact or any information.

"I'm very worried. My sister has been fainting."

Others could not bring themselves to speak. One woman, whose daughter is missing, sat solemnly outside, unable to utter a word.

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THE Sun SAYS

Chancer-lor?

JOHN Healey was hailed as a man of principle when he quit as Defence Secretary over the failure to boost funding for Britain's hollowed-out Armed Forces.

His bombshell resignation dealt a mortal blow to Sir Keir Starmer just a week before the crucial by-election that put Andy Burnham in pole position to steal his crown.

In a farewell blast, he accused the lame-duck PM of making the country less safe amid "rising threats" and lambasted the Treasury for being "unwilling" to stump up the cash.

But three months on he's changed his tune. The threats facing Britain haven't disappeared. Nor has the need for stronger defences. The only thing that has changed is Mr Healey's job.

Now he is Chancellor, responsible for making the Treasury sums add up, his principles have gone out of the window. His once unyielding demand that Britain must spend three per cent of GDP on defence by 2030 can suddenly wait.

And when it comes to tackling the ballooning £334billion welfare bill, that has been put on hold until next year. You can hear the clatter of political cans being kicked down the road.

Baffled defence chiefs will rightly ask whether harsh economic reality has finally dawned on Mr Healey now he occupies the Treasury hot seat.

Or if his much-hailed resignation was little more than a cynical and shameless act of theatre?

Pump action

BRITAIN'S motorists are feeling more pain at the pumps, with the cost of petrol at a four-year high.

For hard-working families, every fill-up is another blow to the household budget.

With energy bills and food costs soaring, the prospect of losing the 5p-a-litre fuel duty cut in January spells more misery for many Britons.

Millions rely on their cars to get to work, shop and care for loved ones. They need help – not another tax grab.

The PM promised to give us all some "breathing space" from rising living costs. He should remind the Chancellor of this – and The Sun's fuel duty campaign – ahead of his Budget in October.

And tell him to KEEP IT DOWN.

Off the rails

NOBODY should face profane or abusive behaviour while doing their job.

That message is often heard over the public address system at major railway stations.

Yet staff are being assaulted in growing numbers, while the chance of offenders facing justice is shrinking.

Court backlogs may explain the collapse but they do not excuse it.

Railworkers are entitled to protection and victims deserve justice.

Ross Clark

FLARE UP . . . a gathering in memory of A66 crash victim Jakub Matusiak in Middlesbrough this week

If you're reviving the North, PM, start in towns like Middlesbrough

IF Broken Britain needs a capital, nowhere fits the bill better than Middlesbrough.

The Teesside town has had the highest crime rate in England for some time, yet still the crime wave of the past week has come as a shock.

Since a car travelling the wrong way down the A66 dual carriageway crashed into a police car early last Saturday morning, killing five youths and two police officers, the town has descended into what many suspect to be an orgy of gang-related violence.

A seven-year-old girl and her aunt were killed in an arson attack on their home, a couple of houses were rammed by cars and a man was stabbed in his own home.

But it is not just the acts of violence themselves that have been so remarkable, as the lawless vigils held by families and friends of the youths who died last weekend.

On Thursday night, five – presumably stolen – cars were set alight in an act of memorial for one of those killed.

Criminality is being brazenly celebrated in a way not seen in Britain since the funerals of the Kray twins three decades ago.

Middlesbrough is becoming like Belfast in the 1970s, albeit without the religion and sectarian divides.

It is descending into a dystopian hellhole straight out of TV show Line Of Duty, where gangs acting according to criminal codes of behaviour are overwhelming the official forces of law and order.

The local police force has had to be reinforced with officers from outside the town in an attempt to regain order.

None of this is to say, of course, that the vast majority of residents of Middlesbrough are not decent, neighbourly people who just want to get on with their lives. But the events of the past week have shown how easy it is for a malign minority to usurp control of a town.

PROUD HISTORY . . . workers in 1943 with a cargo ship built at Middlesbrough

The veneer of civilised values that normally hides the less savoury elements of society has never seemed so thin.

It is so sad to see this happening to a town that once brimmed with pride. The Quaker industrialists who founded the place would have been appalled.

Middlesbrough was once "Ironopolis", one of the biggest producers of pig iron in the world, as well as a centre of shipbuilding.

Its shipyards turned out trawlers by the dozen, as well as many of the warships that helped keep the transatlantic food convoys moving during the Second World War. They also built the first container ships in the 1960s, before closing in the 1980s.

It is not hard to see the underlying cause of problems in Middlesbrough and elsewhere. Figures released this week by the Office for National Statistics show that 981,000 under-25s in the UK – one in eight of the total – were "NEETs", which means they were "not in employment, education or training".

That is shocking enough in itself, yet doesn't do justice to the full scale of worklessness in former industrial towns like Middlesbrough.

Since heavy industry went into decline in the 1980s we have had a couple of generations grow up in some families without ever knowing paid employment.

If you are aspirational and growing up on a sink estate the obvious opportunities to "better" yourself may well seem to lie in the world of crime.

If we are to avoid more Middlesboroughs, it is absolutely vital that the Government reforms the welfare system so that work pays, and that living a life of idleness on benefits no longer becomes an option.

School and college leavers need to be incentivised to search for work, and rewarded when they find it. If they do not get their careers off to a good start it may rapidly become too late to save them from being sucked into a life of crime.

On the other side of the equation, it needs to be made absolutely clear to people that crime will not pay.

It is sickening to think four of the five who died in the vehicle that crashed into the police car had 37 convictions between them – in spite of the eldest being just 23 and a couple being only 17.

Their crimes included drugs offences, theft, stealing vehicles and assaulting a police officer.

The police and criminal justice system were doing their job in bringing prosecutions against these thugs, yet they were still free to roam the streets.

We could do with a policy of "three strikes and you're out", which brought order to US cities in the 1990s, where a third conviction – even for a relatively minor offence – takes you off the streets for a very long time.

Andy Burnham has staked his reputation on reviving the industrial North, and bringing "growth to every postcode".

Middlesbrough, rather than plush Manchester, should be where he starts.

But he will have to do better than Home Office minister Anna Turley, who last week said she had laid flowers "to pay my respects" to the youths who died.

Their deaths might be a tragedy for their families, but no, they do not deserve our respect. They were thugs who have helped to reduce a once-proud industrial town to a nightmare of criminality.

Removing such people from the streets is going to have to be a large part of winning Middlesbrough back for the decent and law-abiding majority.

PLEDGES . . . Burnham

HARRY COLE IS AWAY

EVA'S MEXY LOOK

By JACK HARDWICK

ACTRESS Eva Longoria puts the boot in as she fronts a slick new advertising campaign with a Mexican twist.

The beaming Desperate Housewives star, 51, poses head-to-toe in black PVC and chunky footwear as she clutches a cocktail.

She is joined by stars who share the Mexican roots of designer Willy Chavarria, who has teamed up with Ugg boots for their new unisex collection.

In one shot singers Ivan Cornejo and Becky G and gritty Machete actor Danny Trejo, relax on a sofa, *above*, to promote the range.

Picture: UGG/ANDREWS NORWOOD

THAW COURTS

CHRIS IS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Bail-ero . . Chris, right, & Jayne in 1984

Skater a magistrate

DANCING On Ice fave Sir Christopher Dean has returned to the judges' panel — as a magistrate.

The Olympic skating champion, 68, has not been seen on TV since the show was "rested" last year.

A former police officer, he is now presiding over acts of a more criminal nature as a justice of the peace in Leeds.

Stunned court staff did a double-take when they spotted him at work this week. A source said: "He was one of three magistrates presiding over the day's cases. He was sitting alongside the presiding magistrate as what's called a winger.

"The panel rose to consider their sentence in a shoplifting case and everyone froze. The dock officer looked at the court clerk and asked if he was seeing things. The court clerk just laughed and said, 'No, that really is Christopher Dean'."

EXCLUSIVE by PAUL SIMS

He was a constable with Nottinghamshire Police, *below*, before his ice dance career took off with Jayne Torvill.

They won a string of titles, including gold at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, with their epic dance to Bolero watched by 24 million viewers.

The duo later found fame with a new legion of fans after joining ITV's Dancing On Ice.

They trained the celebs in its first instalment between 2006 and 2014 but returned as judges when it was revived in 2018. Their last TV performance was in the grand final in March 2025, before embarking on a 28-date farewell tour of the UK, which wrapped in their hometown of Nottingham last July.

But Sir Christopher has since been secretly working in court.

He sat in judgment over several cases this week, including a woman accused of stealing a sandwich.

Another source said: "He wanted to do something positive for the community after he retired."

He is also lined up for new I'm A Celeb spin-off, The Wild Frontier. His spokesman was contacted for comment.

Police uniform . . . Christopher in 1970

Danger . . . the drug

Warning of Trump ecstasy pill peril

By LAUREN UTTLEY

A EUROPE-wide "red alert" was issued yesterday over ecstasy pills shaped like Donald Trump's head.

Scientists in the Netherlands said the pills have "a very high amount" of a chemical called para-methoxymethamphetamine, or PMMA.

It mimics the "high" of better-known MDMA, but is considered to be far more lethal because it takes longer to kick in.

This can lead unsuspecting users to double-dose, believing the first pill has not worked.

The Utrecht-based Trimbos Institute said the tablets showed the US President's face on one side and NL and Trump on the other.

A spokesman warned: "Absolutely do not use thes pills."

PMMA has been linked to deaths globally since the 1970s, with the UK hit by a spike in tragedies in 2012 and 2013.

Accused . . . in town

Girls 'sex slaves' at age of 12 jury told

By RICHARD MORIARTY

THREE girls were abused by a grooming gang, a jury has been told.

The alleged victims, known as Girls A, B and C, became "sex slaves" after being forced to have sex with multiple men.

Six men are on trial accused of historical sexual offences in Rochdale, Gtr Manchester.

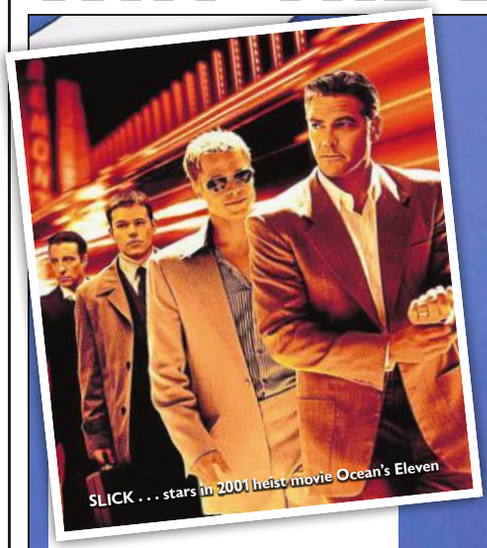
The abuse of one allegedly began in the late 1980s, with the "exploitation" of the other two starting in the mid-2000s.

Rossano Scamardella KC said the girls, all allegedly abused from the age of 12, "were very vulnerable children with chaotic home lives".

Tahir Rashid, 55, Mohammed Saleem, 47, Sucklane Shah, 47, Amjad Mahmood, 54, Iftaq Hussain, 46, and Arshad Mohammed, 56, deny all charges at Manchester's Minshull Street crown court.

The trial continues.

WHY THE 25-YR CLOONEY/PITT



SLICK . . . stars in 2001 heist movie Ocean's Eleven

EXCLUSIVE by
GRANT TUCKER
Entertainment Editor

TOXIC ALLEGATIONS DON'T FIT WITH THE CLOONEYS' A-LIST CHARITY FOUNDATION

George's

FOR a quarter of a century they were the undisputed kings of Hollywood cool.

George Clooney and Brad Pitt personified the ultimate A-list bromance, from their swaggering Ocean's Eleven days to their impossibly handsome joint photoshoots.

But behind the scenes, the curtain seems to have fallen on their friendship as insiders claim the Clooneys have quietly distanced themselves from the under-fire star.

The Sun can reveal that the duo's once-unshakeable bond is being tested, as those close to George, 65, say he had his aides quietly ban his former best pal from the Clooney Foundation For Justice's upcoming Albies awards and fundraiser.

The gala is to take place at London's Natural History Museum in October. But when the world's highest earners gather beneath the museum's vaulted ceilings, 62-year-old Brad will not be there.

A source said that the difficult decision was made due to concerns about being too closely associated with the Fight Club actor, as he remains embroiled in toxic abuse allegations from ex-wife Angelina Jolie and their children.

'Hugely hypocritical'

An insider, who has worked with George's wife Amal, a human rights lawyer, revealed: "It's reputation over loyalty, plain and simple. George, and especially Amal, are fiercely protective of the foundation's global humanitarian standing.

"The Albies are about celebrating brave defenders of justice, so having Brad appearing on the red carpet after being accused of domestic abuse is an absolute non-starter.

"Brad has strongly denied all the allegations made against him but in reality, it still feels like it could overshadow the event – and that's not what anyone wants to happen."

"For now, they have chosen to publicly put some distance between themselves and Brad. When it comes to the foundation, George and Amal will always do what they think is best. George had no choice but to freeze out his old pal."

The Albies, named after South African anti-apartheid hero Justice Albie Sachs, have become a key event in the global calendar.

The couple have previously invited their A-list friends including Meryl Streep, Emily Blunt, Kate Moss, Cate Blanchett, Scarlett Johansson and Anne Hathaway.

And perhaps most hurtful of all for Brad is that his and George's Ocean's Eleven co-star Matt Damon never fails to get an invitation to the annual bash.

It was on the set of the 2001 film when George and Brad cemented their friendship after a decade in Hollywood together. The Oscar-winning actors, who have both won People's "Sexiest Man Alive" twice, teamed up again for sequels Ocean's Twelve in 2004 and Ocean's Thirteen in 2007.

Such was their closeness that Brad was widely tipped to be George's best man at his 2014 wedding to Amal.

But, sources say, the idea of hosting Brad at this year's fundraiser is "unthinkable".

The insider explained: "Amal's entire brand is built on human rights and protecting the vulnerable.

"Brad is currently locked in an exceptionally ugly, decade-long legal battle involving serious allegations of family violence.

"Having him sip champagne at an event celebrating justice would look hugely hypocritical. The charity is not prepared to take that hit." Not helping matters is Brad's recent admission that he is drinking again after seven years of sobriety, including an 18-month stint in Alcoholics Anonymous.

He told Esquire magazine: "I was sober for seven years. And then I got back off the wagon."

"In a more restrained manner. I got overconfident a couple times, went, 'Yep, nope, not good for me'.

"Not in big quantities. I can have a few. But I can't have a lot. I have to be professional about it."

Many in Brad's inner circle believe his relationship with alcohol is at the heart of his woes with ex-wife Angelina and their six children, after accusations of an explosive meltdown during a private jet flight in 2016.

In an FBI report detailing the row, Angelina alleged an enraged Brad pulled her into a bathroom, punched the ceiling, choked one of their children and struck another in the face while pouring beer over the family.

The incident led to an investigation by children's services, with Angelina being awarded temporary full custody and Brad only allowed supervised visits. He was later fully cleared.

Since that fateful flight, Brad has watched in horror as his family unit has disintegrated.

In a series of brutal moves, his children have systematically stripped their father's name from their lives.

Earlier this month Brad's youngest daughter Vivienne, 18, followed in the footsteps of her three older siblings who have requested to legally change their names. Maddox, 25, and Zahara, 21, previously both filed court petitions to drop "Pitt" from their surnames, while Shiloh, 20, has also cast

BROMANCE IS WELL AND TRULY OVER

BACK ON FORM . . . George and Brad attend Wolfs screening in Venice with partners Amal and Ines

COLD SHOULDER . . . Brad and George pose for photographers at the Venice film festival in 2024. Pitt has now seemingly been cast aside by his former best pal

AWARDS . . . George and Amal host 2024 Albies, centrepiece of the actor's human rights organisation Foundation For Justice

Brad split

his name aside in recent months. Knox, 18, remains estranged from his dad, while Pax, 22, famously branded Brad a "world-class asshole" in a leaked Father's Day post, writing that his younger siblings "tremble in fear" in his presence.

'Making things worse'

Even though Angelina filed for divorce in 2016, the final settlement was only confirmed two years ago.

George was blindsided when first asked about the split by a CNN reporter in 2016.

He replied: "I didn't know that. "Wow. I feel very sorry then. That's a sad story and unfortunate for a family. This is the first I've heard of it." His comments came during a cooling of their friendship after Brad and his then-wife had missed George and Amal's wedding in 2014. It was claimed the couple were too busy filming romance movie By The Sea in Malta. But it was widely believed their absence was due to tensions between Angelina and George's new bride.

Sources previously told The Sun of the intense "rivalry" between the two women, despite the closeness of their husbands.

Brad had been seen as the obvious choice for best man, but that honour went to Rande Gerber, husband of Cindy Crawford and co-founder of George's tequila brand Casamigos. After Brad's divorce though, the pair once again grew close and even starred together in 2024 action comedy Wolfs.

In an interview with GQ magazine promoting the film, Brad said he turns to George for advice as he has experienced the same level of fame that few others could understand. He explained: "George is probably the best at seeing the chessboard and the potential moves.

"I'll call George on numerous occasions when things get bumpy.

"George is going to understand something that no one else is going to understand, that we don't even have to speak about. There's a comfort in that."

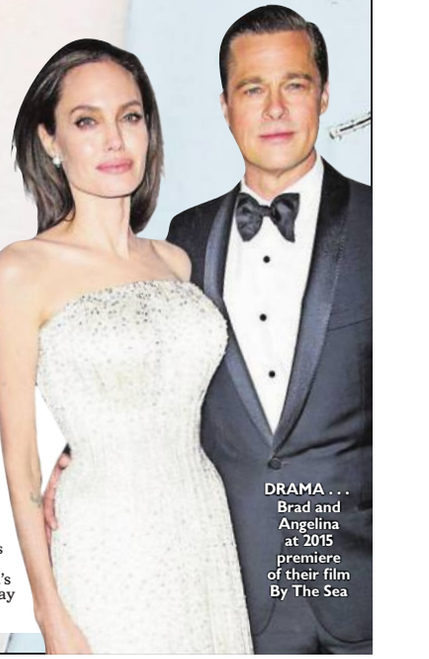
But once again the relationship appears to be cooling as Brad's personal problems show little sign of dying down. Not only are his children dropping his name, but Brad continues to fight Angelina in a bitter $350million dispute over their 1,300-acre French vineyard.

This is despite reports that Brad's partner of four years, 33-year-old jewellery designer Ines de Ramon, has begged him to surrender. An insider said: "Many believe that Brad is only making things worse for himself by continuing his fight with Angelina and turning his own kids against him.

"Things will only get more messy. Any publicist worth their salt would tell them to stay away from him publicly."

In the 2024 GQ interview, Brad also reflected on his relationship with George and said they had "been through so much life at this point and so many twists and curves and turns. I know he's got my back. I got his back".

But as the controversy in Brad's personal life rumbles on, that may no longer be the case.



DRAMA . . . Brad and Angelina at 2015 premiere of their film By The Sea

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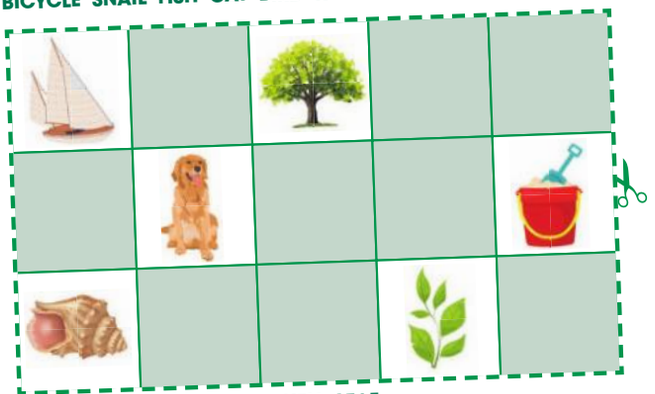


BOAT TREE DOG BUCKET SHELL LEAF

5 TOP SPOTS FOR TIGHTSEEING

TREE-EATEN POSTBOX CARDIFF

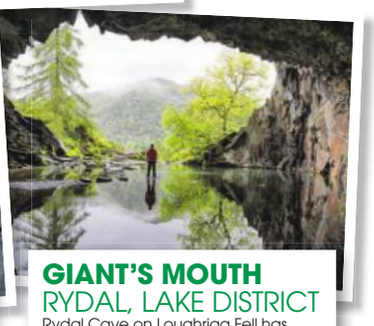
On Ninian Road in Roath, there's an old postbox that's been there so long the tree next to it has grown round it. Can your kids spot anything else being "eaten" like this?

MOSSY FOREST AN CREAGAN, COUNTY TYRONE

From the twisty trees on Bregagh Road (as seen in Game of Thrones) to the bright green fuzz covering tree trunks and paths, nature in Northern Ireland is magical. Don't miss Mossy Forest – the clue's in the name.

DINO FOOTPRINTS BARRY, GLAMORGAN

Wales has loads of brilliant beaches for seaside fun, but dinosaur lovers must head to Bendricks. At low tide you can see over 400 fossilised tracks made 220 million years ago.



GIANT'S MOUTH RYDAL, LAKE DISTRICT

Rydal Cave on Loughrigg Fell has inspired stories for centuries. And it's great for adventurers. Hop on stepping stones, explore the darkest depths, then look outside – do you feel like you've been swallowed by a giant?

AMAZINGLY SMALL BRIDGE LARKHALL

Does your family love the totally random? This tiny bridge in the middle of Millheugh Park, in South Lanarkshire, will be a favourite, along with the funny "floating bridge" at Belhaven Bay.

Specsavers Tightseeing

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Power stations don't cause climate change. It's the plastic crap we have under the stairs

MY one-year-old granddaughter has developed an interest in cars and being keen to encourage this, I bought her a Hot Wheels set. Which turned out to be crap.

The car you release either flies off the track at the first loop-the-loop and goes under the sofa. Or it gets stuck at the first bend.

And because one-year-olds don't have much patience, she played with it for one minute, realised it was no fun at all and went off to annoy the dog.

This made me pretty cross because I'd spunked a load of money on what is basically landfill. And it's not the first time I've done that.

Just recently, an underground survey on my farm suggested that there was something pretty big buried about 5ft beneath the surface in one of the fields.

Keen to pinpoint its precise location, I spent just shy of £200 on a metal detector, and that was landfill as well.

I should have known it was useless because on the digital screen, there are symbols which flash to let you know what it's spotted, buried in the soil.

So what do you suppose the symbols are? An ingot? The Holy Grail? A diamond ring?

Nope. They are a small coin, a ring pull and a horse shoe.

It's the most unambitious treasure hunter in history, and it doesn't work because on one setting, it beeps constantly and on the other, it doesn't beep at all. Not even when you point it at a car. Not that it knows what a car is. Because it's not a ring pull.

WASTE OF SPACE . . . children's car set and metal detector are headed for tip

This will go in the cupboard under the stairs with the Hot Wheels and the garden furniture I bought online back in the spring which broke as soon as I sat on it.

And then, when I'm dead, my kids will take it all to the tip. And that will be that.

It's strange. We keep being told that power stations and cars and cows are responsible for climate change. But think how much energy was used to make the crap that we all have in our cupboards under the stairs. The water pistol with the snapped trigger. The digital camera with the missing charger. The amusing hat that turned out to not be even remotely funny.

And think of the ships that were used to transport all this rubbish to the UK.

If the Government is really serious about addressing global warming, it should test every product before it goes on sale.

And if it's flimsy or badly made, it should be hit with a 500 per cent tax. We could call it the crap tax.

LOON . . . Polanski

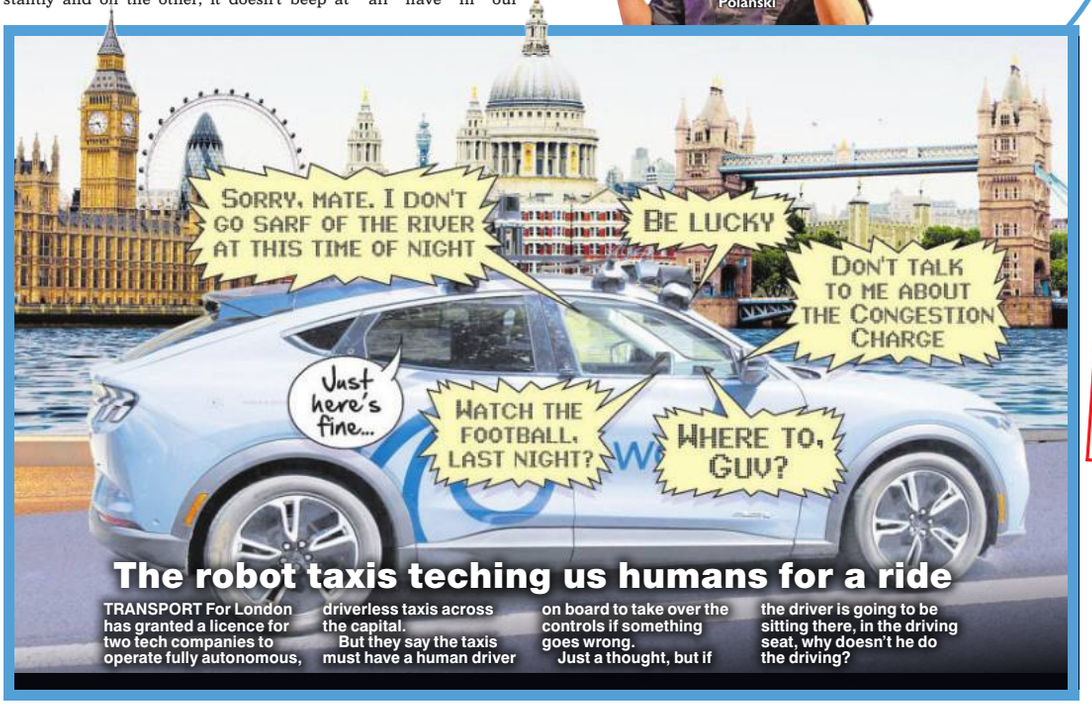
IF you believe the opinion polls, then I'm afraid I have some startling news.

One in every ten people you pass on the street is planning on voting Green at the next election. Which means they are mad.

The latest suggestion from Zack Polanski's madcap army of herbivores and lunatics is to ban policemen and policemen-women from carrying tasers or pepper spray. And to close all the prisons.

They say this stuff, out loud, and people still say: "Yup. That works for me."

And then what? They go off to lick a lamppost I presume.



The robot taxis teching us humans for a ride

TRANSPORT For London has granted a licence for two tech companies to operate fully autonomous, driverless taxis across the capital.

But they say the taxis must have a human driver on board to take over the controls if something goes wrong.

Just a thought, but if the driver is going to be sitting there, in the driving seat, why doesn't he do the driving?

TOP TEAM . . . our TV trio

DRIVEN TO IRK AUNTIE

THE BBC announced this week that it wouldn't comment on speculation, and then commented on speculation that Top Gear is coming back, saying that it is.

I wish them well with the project and will even tell them about the secret sauce I used to make the show a ratings winner around the world.

Every Monday morning, I'd arrive in the production office, sit down and think: "Right. What can I do this week to annoy the BBC?"

That's the key. To attract the viewers, they have to make a show the BBC absolutely hates.

UK'S IN POOR HEALTH

THERE are now 800,000 people on NHS waiting lists for an ADHD assessment, and every one of them is legally entitled to get the job done privately, with the NHS picking up the bill.

As a private assessment costs up to £3,000, the bills are sky-rocketing.

In Cheshire and Merseyside, spending on adult ADHD assessments has gone from £11million in 2023-24 to £38million in 2024-25. This year, it is expected to be £51million.

This is described as unsustainable.

And remember, if a doctor says you have ADHD, you are entitled to all sorts of benefits. And that's unsustainable as well. Especially when we learn that last year, 199,628 migrants were granted the right to live in the UK – a 16-year high.

And that there are now 980,000 young people in the country who are not working, or even looking for work.

I'm not a pessimist normally but when you look at what the Government is spending at the moment, I'm afraid the only conclusion is: This country is f***ed.

VEG HEADS . . .vegans

I'VE GOT A BONE TO PICK

A COUPLE of vegetablists arrived at my pub this week to stage some kind of protest.

We've encountered one of them before.

He dressed up as a broccoli and ran into the parade ring at a farming festival in June.

It wasn't a very dignified protest, and it was an even less dignified exit because one of the security guys picked him up by one leg and threw him over the fence.

This time, he rocked up with a realistic looking dead dog on a barbecue and a sign saying: "You wouldn't eat a dog so why would you eat a pig?"

Our Korean guests that day obviously had no clue what he was on about.

And if I'm honest, I'm not sure he is in full possession of the facts either. So let's see if we can educate him.

Humans only eat plants, or animals that live on plants. We do not eat animals that eat meat and that's why we don't eat dogs.

Clear? Good. So now if you're reading this, take off your broccoli outfit and get a job.

Because if you turn up at the pub again, be advised, as a vegan it is perfectly acceptable and safe to put you in one of the ovens and serve you up with some nice potatoes and a couple of buttered carrots.

THIS trade war between America and Canada is getting serious.

This week, the Canadians slapped a 25 per cent tariff on toilet paper exports to the US and Donald Trump responded by saying he's going to rename Lake Ontario as Lake America.

Your move, Canada – and I have a suggestion.

Why not rename Donald Trump as Donald Fart? I think that might catch on.

A DARK and unwelcome cloud descended on the Cotswolds this week.

After a summer of gaiety and laughter, it suddenly felt gloomy and sad, like something awful had arrived in the area and caused a disturbance in the force.

Yup. It rained.

Gatwick water fail

GATWICK Airport was forced to close restaurants and toilets again yesterday, weeks after a water outage last month.

One passenger said: "They started turning away everyone. Someone directed us to Starbucks which was also shut."

Gatwick said a water issue was "causing some disruption in the area".

SES Water blamed a burst water main. The supply was switched on again by 6pm last night.

VICTORY MIC

The microphone used by Winston Churchill on VE Day in 1945 is tipped to fetch £12,000 at auction in Cheltenham, Glos.

VLAD'S TRAITOR

Kremlin boasts of new Brit fighting for Russia

A NEW British traitor has joined up to fight for Putin against Ukraine — and is being trumpeted by Moscow.

Michael Jones, 40, is training as a drone pilot with Russia's 61st Marine Brigade.

He was lauded on Russian TV just days after fisherman Bradley Townsend, 33, was confirmed as the first Brit mercenary to be killed fighting for Russia.

Drone training . . Jones, 40

By JEROME STARKEY

Jones, originally from Enfield, North London, moved to St Petersburg in Russia in 2018 where he married a local.

On state TV, Vladimir Putin's top telly propagandist Vladimir Solovyov asked Jones, who was in the Army 23 years ago: "So you served in the British Royal Forces?"

Jones said he served in the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, now part of The Rifles. He said: "They don't exist anymore. The British Army downsized." Jones said he left after a year after he realised "we were the aggressors" in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Solovyov asked: "So your instinct finally brought you into Mother Russia?" He replied: "I followed the signs from the universe and God served me well."

According to TV Zvezda, a Russian Defence Ministry-owned channel, Jones decided to "take up arms and fight Nazism, just like his grandfather once did" after visiting Ukraine's largely occupied Donbas region.

Jones, who has two UK-born daughters and a son, four, with his Russian wife, spouted tired Kremlin propaganda, saying: "I agree with President Putin that we need to cut this cancerous tumour out of Ukraine."

TV Zvezda said Jones chose to join up as he "wanted to defend his family and Russia, which he considers his country".

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Speaking up . . Hugh

Protest at A.I. voice cloning

By ALEX WEST

ACTOR Hugh Bonneville has joined a host of stars in a bid to stop artificial intelligence voice cloning.

Comic Matt Lucas and Derry Girls stars Siobhan McSweeney and Nicola Coughlan are also part of the campaign.

They have signed an open letter calling on PM Andy Burnham to stop AI firms stealing and profiting from artists' voices.

The Save Our Voices Now campaign has also launched a Gov.uk petition asking for every Brit to be given legal ownership of their voice.

Paddington's Bonneville said: "My voice is unique. It's part of my identity. So is yours. That's worth speaking up about."

McSweeney said: "AI should be used as a tool that benefits us rather than making us obsolete."

Denmark is to give citizens legal ownership of their face, body and voice to fight AI deepfakes.

Cricket's run for tot

A CRICKET team is running a marathon in full kit to raise money for a hospital treating a two-year-old girl with a rare genetic condition.

Brave Mimi Jefcutt has spent a year undergoing tests and treatments and relies on a permanent feeding tube.

Dad Alex, 34, of Bristol, and around 40 teammates at Easton Cuttlefish CC will complete the equivalent of 2,307 runs in relay on Monday for Bristol Royal Hospital for Children and its charity Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal.

TO NAV & TO HOLD

Seven in ten drivers are lost without a sat nav – and one in five cannot read a traditional road map, a survey claims.

GLEE & MY GAL

By ELLIE HENMAN

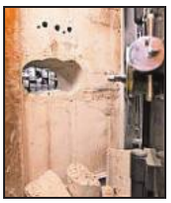
SMILING Gal Gadot plunges back into the spotlight in a red gown ahead of her new action thriller.

The actress, 41, wore the daring neckline for drinks after the premiere of movie The Runner in Los Angeles, having worn a strapless midnight-blue dress earlier, *right*.

Gal plays a London-based lawyer who gets a call while out running from kidnappers who say they have her son.

It puts her in a race against time to save him.

The movie, which also stars Damian Lewis, 55, is available on Amazon Prime Video from next Wednesday.



Vault . . . hole in wall

Heist bar planned at Hatton raid site

By THOMAS GODFREY

A HEIST-themed wine bar is set to open at the site of the £25million Hatton Garden robbery.

The hole cut by thieves in a 20in concrete wall to raid jewellery and cash deposit boxes in 2015 would be central to the project, plans show.

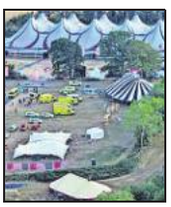
The heist by an ageing gang dubbed the Diamond Wheezers inspired Sir Michael Caine film King Of Thieves.

Pearl & Coutts, the building's landlord in Camden, central London, has put forward the plan which would displace businesses including jewellers E Katz and Co.

Boss George Katz said: "It's ghoulish. A lot of people lost their livelihoods in the robbery.

"I believe one person actually took their life."

Camden council said: "We seek to secure new premises suitable for jewellery workshops and related uses."



Ambulances . . . at site

Man dies as wind hits sign at festival

By ANDY ROBINSON

A MAN died and at least six other people were injured after a large sign fell at the UK's biggest Christian festival.

Police were called to the Big Church Festival, near Steyning, in West Sussex, at around 3.30pm yesterday.

A 41-year-old man from Eastbourne, East Sussex, died at the scene.

His next of kin have been informed.

At least six other people were treated at hospital, Det Chief Supt Richard McDonagh, of Sussex Police, said.

Festivalgoers told how a gust of wind caused a "large wooden sign" to collapse near the entrance to a tented area.

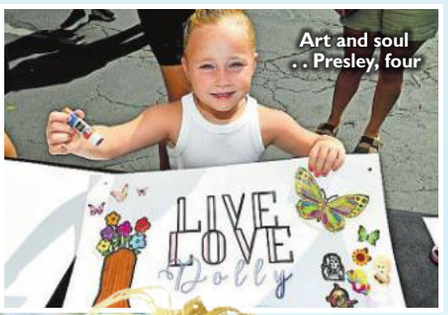
Theo Saville told the BBC: "The sign fell in the direction of the wind. Soon after, we were told to return to tents, and an air ambulance landed."

The festival has since been cancelled.

SUN AT PARTON THEME PARK

By park's iconic sign . . . Sun girl Scarlet

Touching tributes . . flowers and notes left by fans



Art and soul . . Presley, four

Dolly would have loved it

Park ride fun . . . Scarlet yesterday

Country music icon . . . Dolly

FANS HAVE FUN IN HER HONOUR MEMORIAL AT ENTRANCE GATES

By SCARLET HOWES

DOLLY Parton fans are celebrating her life in style at her beloved theme park.

The Sun visited Dollywood three days after the country music icon died from cancer at 80 – and found thrillseekers embracing her belief in "having a lot of fun".

We joined them on the junior roller-coaster Whistle Punk Chaser, which travels at a sedate 16mph.

The speed suited Dolly because she did not want her wigs to fall off.

She once said: "I got so much to lose, like my wig or my shoes. I don't like to get messed up.

"I'm gonna have some handsome man mess it up. "I don't want some ride doing it."

Dollywood, which has attracted millions of visitors annually since it opened in 1986, is lined with pink posters of the music legend with the slogan: "I will always love you."

Visibly emotional fan Sarah Markis, 32, said: "There's a sense of joy at being able to feel close to Dolly at one of the places she loved the most.

"She wanted her fans to have fun here."

Members of staff have been told to wear pink as a tribute to the singer.

And a touching memorial has been set up at the front gates where guests can pin flowers, letters and teddies.

Some fans have even brought candles to light, along with letters expressing their love for the star.

One message read: "Heaven is sweeter because of you. Thank you for my childhood."

A pair of Velour-brand false eyelashes were tucked behind a jar of sunflowers, with the message: "Cried these off from Texas!"

There was also a poster-making station allowing kids to create their own personal notes to Dolly.

Presley Wolan, four, made a touching poster that read: "Live, Love, Dolly."

Mum Alicia, 35, from Michigan, told The Sun: "She is a massive fan. She bawled her eyes out when she learned of Dolly's death.

"Her favourite song is 1989 hit Why'd You Come in Here Lookin' Like That. She can sing the entire thing."

The Sun has been told the park is "planning something special" for Dolly and her fans. It is currently "top secret" but will be announced next week.

The park's president Eugene Naughton said: "She taught us how to dream big, so we have very ambitious plans that I know she'll be proud of."

In every corner of the park – nestled in the Great Smoky Mountains of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee – Dolly's life is remembered.

There is a replica of her childhood home, designed by her family, and her music blares from speakers.

Guests can also head to the Dolly Experience, which houses her costumes from events and movies.

And there is a chapel where fans can take a break from the rides and reflect.

Meanwhile, Nashville International Airport may be renamed in honour of Dolly.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee spoke to her team about the idea of creating a "lasting tribute to her indelible legacy" and recognise "the generations of people she inspired across Tennessee and around the world".

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Picture: JEFF RAYNER/COLEMAN-RAYNER

'SEXIST' HEART CARE RULES END

DOCTORS will take women's heart attacks more seriously after admitting they are not treated as well as men.

Top medics in Europe and the US have changed the definition of the condition to end sexist care rules.

The kinds of heart attack most common in women were classed as Type 2 severity while those most affecting men were Type 1 – so they got faster, more powerful treatment while many women were diagnosed incorrectly and did not get enough help.

By SAM BLANCHARD

Clots account for most heart attacks but they can also be caused by artery tears or spasms blocking blood flow to the heart. These mainly affect women and may be triggered by pregnancy or emotional distress. New rules from the European Society of Cardiology and American Heart Association now classify all forms as Type 1.

Better . . . for women

Professor Bryan Williams, of the British Heart Foundation, said: "This is a radical shift in how we define and diagnose heart attacks.

"For decades women have missed out on accurate diagnoses and treatment of less common forms of heart attack. It could be life-changing."

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AFTER INVASION

From **CLAUDIA LEE** in La Manga

WITH its crystal-clear water and exclusive beach bar, the paradise cove of Cala del Barco is tourist heaven for Brits.

But the usual serenity in the Spanish resort of La Manga was shattered as a giant dinghy heaving with migrants crashed ashore.

Masked people traffickers from Africa at the helm of the high-speed boat watched while more than 60 migrants – many with designs on an onward journey to the UK – plunged into the sea and scrambled to land last week.

The smugglers then escaped by sea, revving their dinghy as startled sunbathers fled in panic.

Families hid in lifeguard huts until the migrants, mostly men, had crossed the beach and set off inland.

As many as 80,000 illegal migrants are believed to have made it to Spain this year – but most to its enclave of Ceuta on the northern African coast.

Over two days at the end of last month, tens of thousands stormed into the city from Morocco or jumped into the Strait of Gibraltar to swim around the border post.

But the invasion of La Manga in the heart of tourist land, facing on to the Mediterranean in south-east Spain, marks a new frontier in the battle to protect Europe's borders.

The brazen daytime operation also shows the risks smugglers will take to deliver their human cargo, who can pay upwards of £10,000 a head for the perilous ride.

Spanish authorities now fear La Manga could become a new landing zone as more desperados seek to pile in to the land of sun, sea, sand and sangria.

'Very scared'

Locals and tourists remained on edge when The Sun visited this week. Looking out across a now-calm Cala del Barco, lifeguard Alvaro Valera described the frenzied scenes he witnessed in the course of a day's work like no other.

Alvaro, 18, said: "When I saw the boat coming in, with hooded men and migrants jumping into the sea, I immediately called the police.

"People were running everywhere. Some came up to our booth and were asking to come inside. They were very nervous, very scared."

Scores of shirtless men rushed the beach, weaving between parasols and abandoned picnic blankets as they headed for the hills beyond.

Daniela Liarte, 20, who works at the beach bar, recalls the migrants' jubilation as they stepped on to European soil.

She said: "It was shocking. They all looked so happy. They were shouting, 'Viva Espana!' – and came right through. I have never seen anything like it."

Cops from the Spanish Civil Guard raced to the beach and were met by streams of migrants striking out for the hills then the tourist town of Atamaria, a mile or two away.

Once there, they hoped either to avoid capture, or be rounded up and try to claim asylum.

A recent Spanish ruling restricted immediate expulsion of migrants who enter the country illegally by sea. But that was binned after the Ceuta crisis and expulsions are now far speedier than in the UK.

In Atamaria, 62 people were arrested – 45 of them men, two women and 15 boys.

But locals in La Manga, a scenic piece of land on the coast of the Murcia district from which tennis champ Carlos Alcaraz hails – say the recent beach landing was one of four last week.

Shaded from the 33C heat beneath a palm tree, lifeguard Jose Romero, 26, said: "What happened on Wednesday last week was shocking because it was in broad daylight. People were here at the beach and they were scared.

"But this is very common. We had three other boats coming into this beach at night that week, trying to get into town." A British cafe owner near one of La Manga's renowned golf courses, said some migrants had merrily strolled through her door after coming ashore.

She recalled: "They came in here, sat down, had their breakfast – and waited for the police to come and get them."

La Manga is more than 100 miles from the nearest African coastline, in Algeria, across often rough waters.

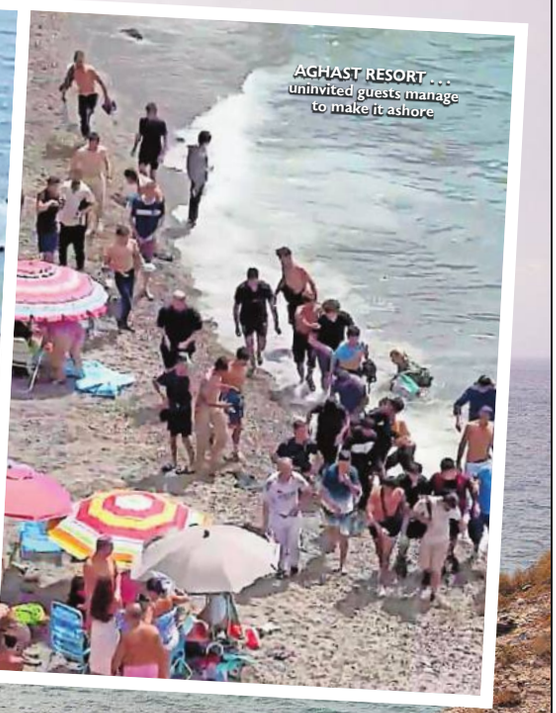
Estimated deaths for all combined migrant routes towards Spain exceed 1,300 this year alone.

The latest invasion, captured in footage that quickly went viral online, has sparked fury from local leaders over gaps in the region's

OF CEUTA NOW IT'S MAINLAND SPAIN

SEASIDE STAY . . . Ceuta beach encampment this week

MAKING WAVES . . . migrants land as stunned sunbathers look on



AGHAST RESORT . . . uninvited guests manage to make it ashore

HOTSPOT . . . Cala del Barco beach

Pictures by LOUIS WOOD and SOLARPIX

60 migrants ran up the beach shouting: 'Viva Espana!' The tourists fled

maritime border security. Francisco Bernabe, a conservative senator from the nearby town of La Union, wrote in a scathing social media post: "Why was it not possible to detect a vessel of that size with radars before it could land?

"Are they broken? Do they have them turned off? Or are they working and they ignore them?"

Noelia Arroyo, mayor of the nearby port city of Cartagena, said the illegal crossings "cannot be normalised".

She told local radio: "If a migrant can reach a cove like this, disembark in full view of citizens and leave, we have to ask ourselves how the control of our maritime borders is working."

While Spanish authorities fumed, tourists also feared what could happen next.

A British dad of two holidaying with his family said: "All these migrants were coming into the town talking about trying to get to Calais, to cross the Channel into the UK. It was insane."

So far this year, nearly 16,000 illegals have arrived in the UK from France.

Mark, 46, and James, 47, from Durham, who own a property close to the beach, describe the incident as "disgraceful".

Teacher James said: "When we saw it on the news, so close to where we live, that's terrifying.

"It's scary to think of what could happen. It's already happening back home. It's a real problem."

A British mum who has been visiting the area on holiday for 30 years said: "We arrived on Saturday and it was the first time I've been nervous to come here.

"I've got young kids and seeing the video of that boat worried me." But others were impressed by the rapid police response and called on officials in the UK to take note.

One tripper said: "Drones went up in the air straight away and there were police everywhere.

"In the UK that doesn't happen. It's just this ongoing problem that no one is dealing with. Here the police were right on it – they wanted to support the community and make them feel safe."

Set in 1,500 acres of olive and lemon groves, the luxury La Manga Club has three championship golf courses, eight international-standard football pitches and 28 tennis courts as well as 2,000 homes.

David Beckham, Matt Damon, Salma Hayek and Robbie Williams have all enjoyed time there.

But there are now fears of more migrant trouble afoot.

Ella Kate Potter, 24, who works in a tobacco shop near Cala del Barco, said: "There are so many coming into Spain.

"If the authorities don't get them straight on a boat and send them back more will keep coming."

An hour away, in Mazarron, locals said migrants had stormed into the seaside town after a small boat arrived last week under the cover of darkness.

La Manga cafe worker Carolina Zamora, 41, said: "My parents live there. They called me and said migrants have been coming off the boats into town, banging on doors, shouting in the streets late at night. People feel scared."

As horror stories build, there is tension in the air in La Manga.

Bar owner Adrian Garcia Martinez, 34, said: "It's very weird that smugglers are dropping migrants near a resort like this. I think it's under control but in other cities they have not been as lucky.

"We're hearing about sexual assaults after the boats arrive."

The Sun has been unable to verify this claim but arrivals by sea to mainland Spain in the first seven months of 2026 were up 31 per cent on the same time last year, from 3,900 people to 5,000.

Spain's migrant crisis came to a head in Ceuta last month.

Most of the migrants were driven back across the border by armed Spanish riot police but the incident has sent shockwaves across Europe.

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp told The Sun: "What Spain has done with illegal migrants in Ceuta could be done here.

"We need to leave the European Convention on Human Rights so that illegal immigrants can be near-immediately deported on arrival. Then pretty quickly the endless illegal immigrants crossing the Channel will stop.

"Spain has taken a tough approach in Ceuta and it's about time the Government here did the same."

FEARS . . . *from left*, lifeguard Alvaro, cafe worker Carolina and Brits Mark and James, who own property near the beach

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CHEAP TREAT

GIVE your room a pop of colour with the bright ball string lights from Argos, down from £5 to £3.33.

SAVE: £1.67

It's a wrap

STICK-ON SOLUTIONS FOR DECOR DILEMMAS

IF you're planning some DIY this weekend, make it easier on yourself and go for some stick-on upgrades.

By MEL HUNTER

Floors, walls and even furniture can all get a fresh new look with peel-and-stick tiles, fun prints and adhesive wrap.

With these simple ideas, it's the kind of sticky situation you'll be glad to get into.

GIVE VINYL A SPIN: Peel-and-stick worktop coverings can mimic marble, stone, wood or concrete and give your kitchen a new look.

Vinyl wraps can also freshen up cupboard doors.

Fablon marble sticky-back plastic, £6 for two metres from Dunelm, is great for lining drawers to give them a luxe look. Don't forget the kids' rooms – stick-on murals make a space cosier, and you can update easily as children age. Check out kids-wall.com.

LOOK TILE-ISH: Get designer bathroom style without the price tag with stick-on tiles, for walls or floors. Check out B&Q and Victorian Plumbing. No grouting is needed, which means minimal mess.

If you're renting, they should also be easy to remove when it's time to move out, but check first, and also check that products are designed for bathroom use.

FURN-TASTIC: Give a boring wardrobe door a new lease of life in patterned vinyl, or use adhesive rattan or fluted-effect film for a timeless look.

Instead of buying expensive window shutters or changing your windows to frosted glass, you can keep your space private with some window film. There are ingenious designs available at brume.co.uk.

PANEL BEATER: Give a plain wall the look of expensive fitted panelling without a saw in sight.

Use peel-and-stick tongue-and-groove or wood-effect panels to create an instant feature wall, adding warmth and character to a plain room.

For a softer transformation, try large wall stickers. They're a great way to experiment without committing to a permanent change.

B&Q has pretty cherry blossom wall stickers for £15.99.

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What's new?

KIDS will stand out from the crowd with three back-to-school items for the price of two at rexlondon.com, including this insulated lunch bag, £4.95.

Little helper

GET stationery sorted with a Tesco Clubcard with four items for the price of three, including ten BiC pens, which are already reduced from £3.40 to £1.45.

TOP SWAP

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SLOT the bamboo three-tier storage caddy, *above*, £20 at Asda, into your bathroom, or fill up OHS's version, *below*, £12, with beauty essentials.

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HOT RIGHT NOW

TUCK in to 25 per cent off burgers in-store at Morrisons this weekend taking a four-pack of quarter pounders from £3.50 to £2.63.

Young . . . Maradona

£165,000 for card of Diego

By NICK PARKER

A DIEGO Maradona footie card has sold at auction for £165,000.

The mint-condition sticker from 1979 features the legendary player as a fresh-faced teenager in his Argentina kit.

It was three years before his first appearance at a World Cup, in Spain in 1982. He would lift the trophy in 1986, helped by his "Hand of God" goal against England in Mexico City.

The card – the first of Maradona by Italian firm Panini, for a Serie A album that included some international line-ups too – was sold at Heritage Auctions.

The US firm said the market for such items is particularly strong, adding: "It does not present the finished icon with World Cup glory behind him – it captures the spark before the legend hardened."

Maradona died in 2020 aged 60 after a prolonged period of ill-health.

Brit's gun kill in U.S.

A BRIT expat has been shot dead in the US.

Cops opened a murder inquiry after Jamie Lomas, 26, was found with multiple gunshot wounds last weekend.

No arrests have been made over the incident inside a property in Kent City, Washington state.

The Foreign Office said it was supporting Jamie's family, from Manchester.

Relatives said he moved to the States five years ago. They said: "He was loved by everyone who knew him. He had so much life ahead of him."

SHE'S NEXT 'ANGRY GINGE'

Love Islander's TV jungle talks

CHLOE FOR I'M A CELEBURROWTY

EXCLUSIVE by ELLIE HENMAN

LOVE Island's Chloe Burrows is in talks to join I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out Of Here!

Insiders said the 30-year-old star, who found fame in the 2021 series of the ITV2 dating show, had met with I'm A Celeb bosses several times recently.

A source said: "Chloe is in advanced talks and they love her. She was hugely popular in Love Island. She made it clear she'd love a chance to go to Australia to be on the show.

"She has a very big following on social media too, very much like Angry Ginge and GK Barry, and ITV bosses think she could bring in a younger audience."

Angry Ginge won last year with 13million votes. Fellow influencer GK Barry came fifth in 2024.

Our source went on: "ITV moves with the times. They've seen the surge of popularity with influencers."

After reaching the Love Island final and coming second, Chloe has carved out a TV career.

She hosts her podcast, Chloe vs The World, and is also a presenter on the Kiss Breakfast show on radio, alongside Strictly Come Dancing star Tyler West.

Her stint on Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins last year ended early when she quit in episode two, finding it too challenging.

I'm A Celebrity will begin filming again in November, with the stars being flown out to Australia's Gold Coast.

Insiders told The Sun that celebs including Paralympian Ade Adepitan, 53, and Gavin & Stacey star Joanna Page, 49, had also been approached.

ITV said: "Any names suggested are just speculation."

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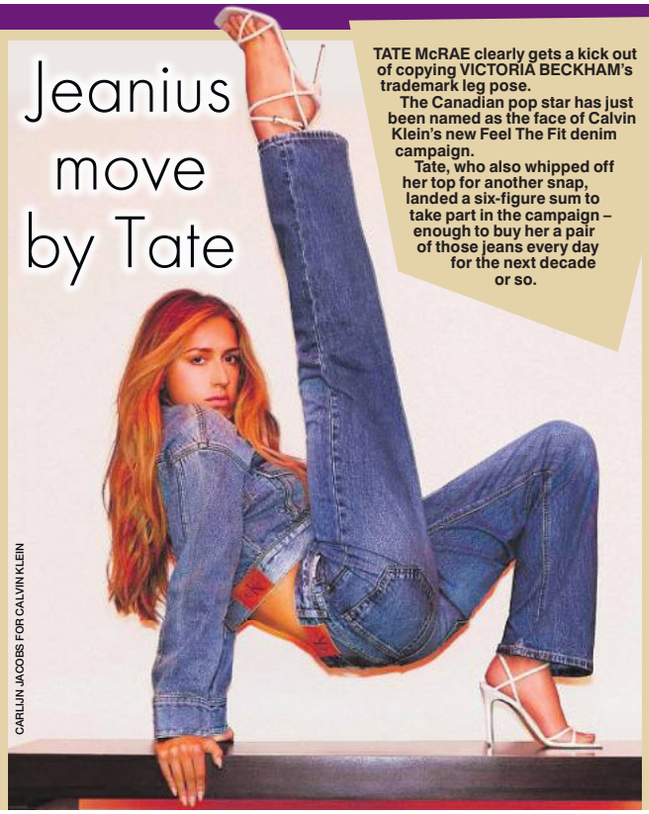

CARLIJN JACOBS FOR CALVIN KLEIN

TATE McRAE clearly gets a kick out of copying VICTORIA BECKHAM's trademark leg pose.

The Canadian pop star has just been named as the face of Calvin Klein's new Feel The Fit denim campaign.

Tate, who also whipped off her top for another snap, landed a six-figure sum to take part in the campaign – enough to buy her a pair of those jeans every day for the next decade or so.

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NEW START FOR PERRIE

PERRIE EDWARDS has parted ways with label Sony and music management firm Modest! after 15 years.

Insiders say the **LITTLE MIX** singer was offered the chance to make her second record with Sony's Columbia label, but has turned them down to start anew.

I'm told Perrie, *right*, is now joining Various Artists Management, who are behind **TOM GRENNAN**, **ROSE GRAY** and **MEL C**.

A source said: "This is a hugely exciting new chapter in Perrie's solo career.

"She is assembling a new team around her as she begins work on her second album."

Perrie's self-titled debut record peaked at No3 last year and delivered her first Top Ten solo single with Forget About Us.

An insider added: "Perrie has come away from her first solo campaign with an even clearer sense of the artist that she wants to be and the creative direction that she wants to explore next.

"She was offered the opportunity to make her second album with Columbia, but after more than a decade with Sony and Modest!, she felt the time was right for a change across her career and a fresh start as she moves into this next era.

"Perrie is so grateful to everyone at Columbia, Sony and Modest! for their support and hard work over the years and is proud of everything they have achieved together, both during her time with Little Mix and as she launched her solo career.

"After making that transition, Perrie now feels confident and excited about taking greater ownership of the team she builds around herself and the creative direction of her second album."

I know the new team behind Perrie well and it's safe to say, she is in very good hands.

CHANGE . . . Edwards

BASQUING IN GLORY . . . Katy looks glam in stage outfit in new film from her Paris show

the charts

DOLLY PARTON scores her sixth Top Ten album with Diamonds & Rhinestones following her death on Tuesday, as Jolene shoots to No9 in the singles chart.

PAUL HEATON lands his first chart-topping solo record with Jenius while SAM FENDER and OLIVIA DEAN's Rein Me In spends a 23rd week as the No1 single.

SINGLES

1. Rein Me In – **SAM FENDER & OLIVIA DEAN**
2. Movin' To The Sun – **HUGEL, IMAEL ANGEL & ULTRA NATE**
3. Choosin' Texas – **ELLA LANGLEY**
4. Boston – **STELLA LEFTY**
5. Great Expectation – **SIENNA SPIRO**
6. Hate That I Made You Love Me – **ARIANA GRANDE**
7. The Cure – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
8. Man I Need – **OLIVIA DEAN**
9. Jolene – **DOLLY PARTON**
10. On 2nite – **SILVA BUMPA**

ALBUMS

1. Jenius – **PAUL HEATON**
2. The Essential – **MICHAEL JACKSON**
3. Thrasher – **BRANDON FLOWERS**
4. You Seem Pretty Sad For A Girl So In Love – **OLIVIA RODRIGO**
5. It Goes On – **WESTSIDE COWBOY**
6. Diamonds & Rhinestones: Greatest Hits – **DOLLY PARTON**
7. Visitor – **SIENNA SPIRO**
8. The Art Of Loving – **OLIVIA DEAN**
9. DMA'S – **DMA'S**
10. The Highlights – **THE WEEKND**

HARRY FILM TRAGEDY

FILMING on Halftime Hero has been halted after the death of a crew member.

I'm told the cast of the film – about footie boss **HARRY REDKNAPP** and mouthy West Ham fan Steve Wright – were filming in Leyton, East London, earlier this month when one of the crew fell ill and later passed away.

A source said: "Work on Halftime Hero has now stopped, not only out of respect but to ensure everyone working on the film is OK. The cast and crew on productions like this all become tight-knit family, so to lose someone is absolutely awful.

"The priority right now is the family of the person who passed away, and the wellbeing of everyone who was working on the film at that time."

Work was paused after the incident, which happened on August 19.

The movie, which features **ELLIE BAMBER** and **ANSON BOONE**, tells the story of the moment Harry, *left*, made history while working as the assistant manager for West Ham.

He put heckling fan Steve on as a substitute during a game against Oxford City – and the unlikely player scored as the Hammers won 4-0.

Anson plays Steve in the film – which is being made by Sir **RIDLEY SCOTT**'s production company.

EDDIE MARSAN has taken the leading role as Harry, who will also make a cameo in the film.

GUITAR HERO . . . Katy in another look from Paris concert

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TAKE THAT, DREAMERS!

GARY BARLOW says he struggled with post-tour blues after **TAKE THAT** finished their Circus Live shows this summer.

But now he's got something to smile about again as last night the band announced a new album – and a huge new tour next summer. Dreamers, Take That's tenth album, will be out later this year, with Gary, *right*, **MARK OWEN** and **HOWARD DONALD** releasing a new single, Feel My Love, next Friday.

The Dreamers tour will see the lads play 31 shows across 31 cities next year.

I cannot wait.

CYNTHIA PARKHURST

Katy Perry opens up about her Justin MY TRU LOVE

'He's on a different level'

HER 2010 song The One That Got Away is enjoying a resurgence in the streaming charts.

But superstar **KATY PERRY** is keen for the world to know she was wrong and the love of her life is actually her new man, **JUSTIN TRUDEAU**.

In fact, she says that the ex-Canadian PM is far more supportive than any of her exes – including that greasy haired "comedian" she was lucky to get rid of, and actor **ORLANDO BLOOM**.

Speaking at a special VIP screening of her new concert film, Katy Perry: The Lifetimes Tour – Live from Paris, she said of Justin: "I've had people come to my shows before and partners supporting in their own way, but this is definitely a different level.

'Got really cute'

"I sang Not Like The Movies when he was at the show, and it is his favourite song. I was just like, 'I can't believe I am singing this, and I wrote this so long ago, and I think I wrote this about us.'

"This is such a weird, full-circle, mystical, magical moment. Like time doesn't really exist in that other place.

"So it's wild that it all came together. It was a break-up song but now it's totally a love song. My world has stopped spinning."

Katy and Justin sent social media into meltdown when he was spotted attending her Lifetimes tour show in Montreal, Canada, on July 30 last year.

It came two days after they first sparked dating rumours when they were snapped enjoying a cosy walk through the city. And Katy appears to have confirmed that was the day they privately made their romance official.

It came just weeks after Katy and Pirates Of The Caribbean actor Orlando publicly ended their nine-year relationship.

Katy said: "Let me tell you, it was really hard. It was really hard before July 28, and then it got pretty.

"I went to Canada and then it got really cute. I was floating like a butterfly."

The Dark Horse singer added: "But before that, it was the lowest part.

"It was my third winter. So when you route a tour, you have to take in all the things like the weather and the logistics. For some reason, I toured in these continents where I did three winters.

"I was sad and my friends were all together.

"I was missing home. I had been gone for six weeks, and that is pretty much my max.

"I remember I was having a really tough time and then, after the hurricane did come the rainbow. It's a cliché, but I was in my darkest times, and then, boom, right after that."

●Katy Perry: The Lifetimes Tour – Live from Paris is released in select cinemas September 2

GREASY-HAIRED COMEDIAN

ORLANDO BLOOM

JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Pair in June at tour film premiere in NY

BBC JOHN PLEA ON JAIL RELEASE

EXCLUSIVE by JULIA ATHERLEY and EMILY-JANE HEAP

BBC sports commentator John Hunt is among bereaved relatives asking Labour to block more killers from being freed under the early release scheme.

His wife Carol, 61, and daughters Hannah, 28, and Louise, 25, were murdered by rapist Kyle Clifford in a crossbow attack in 2024.

Letter . . . John and Amy

John, 61, and surviving daughter Amy, 32, have signed an open letter to Justice Secretary Alex Norris calling for inmates convicted of voluntary manslaughter to be barred from the scheme.

The letter, backed by more than 30 bereaved families, says there is a "growing sense that justice for victims [is] being compromised".

Labour is considering blocking lags convicted of unlawful act manslaughter – a form of involuntary manslaughter – after the backlash over two killers of PC Andrew Harper being eligible to go early.

But voluntary manslaughter is still included in the scheme.

Meetings . . . Patsy

Kensit: I sobered up with AA help

By ED SOUTHGATE

ACTRESS Patsy Kensit got sober by going to Alcoholics Anonymous after her life became "unmanageable", she says.

The Emmerdale star, 58, said she went to a meeting after The Who guitarist Pete Townshend recommended it.

Kensit, ex-wife of Oasis frontman Liam Gallagher, said recovering alcoholic Townshend, 81, told her to "just go and listen".

She said: "I had some very late nights in the '90s. Because I was having a baby . . . my lifestyle had to change.

"My life was becoming unmanageable."

Of her first meeting, she told a podcast: "It was fantastic, and I saw so many people that I knew. It really helped."

Mother-of-two Kensit said listening to others in the same boat made her realise alcohol was "poison" to her. She said: "I think I'm allergic."

Ugly look . . . road

'Wotsits' car-slow scheme ditched

By PAUL SIMS

A COUNCIL is to remove a £300,000 traffic-calming scheme that has road and pavement markings likened to cheesy Wotsits.

Locals said the large orange and yellow designs were "hideous" and made the area look like a kids' playground.

The surfacing, planters and benches were put in as part of a trial one-way system in December.

They are now to be removed from Grange Road West, dubbed "Wotsit Street", in Birkenhead, Merseyside.

Local Brian Kearsley said people's council tax should be reimbursed for spending on the project, which he called a "farce from start to finish".

Peter Dunn said the scheme "made clowns of Wirral borough council".

Council leader Paula Basnett said: "This trial has given us valuable evidence about what works for the area and what needs to change."

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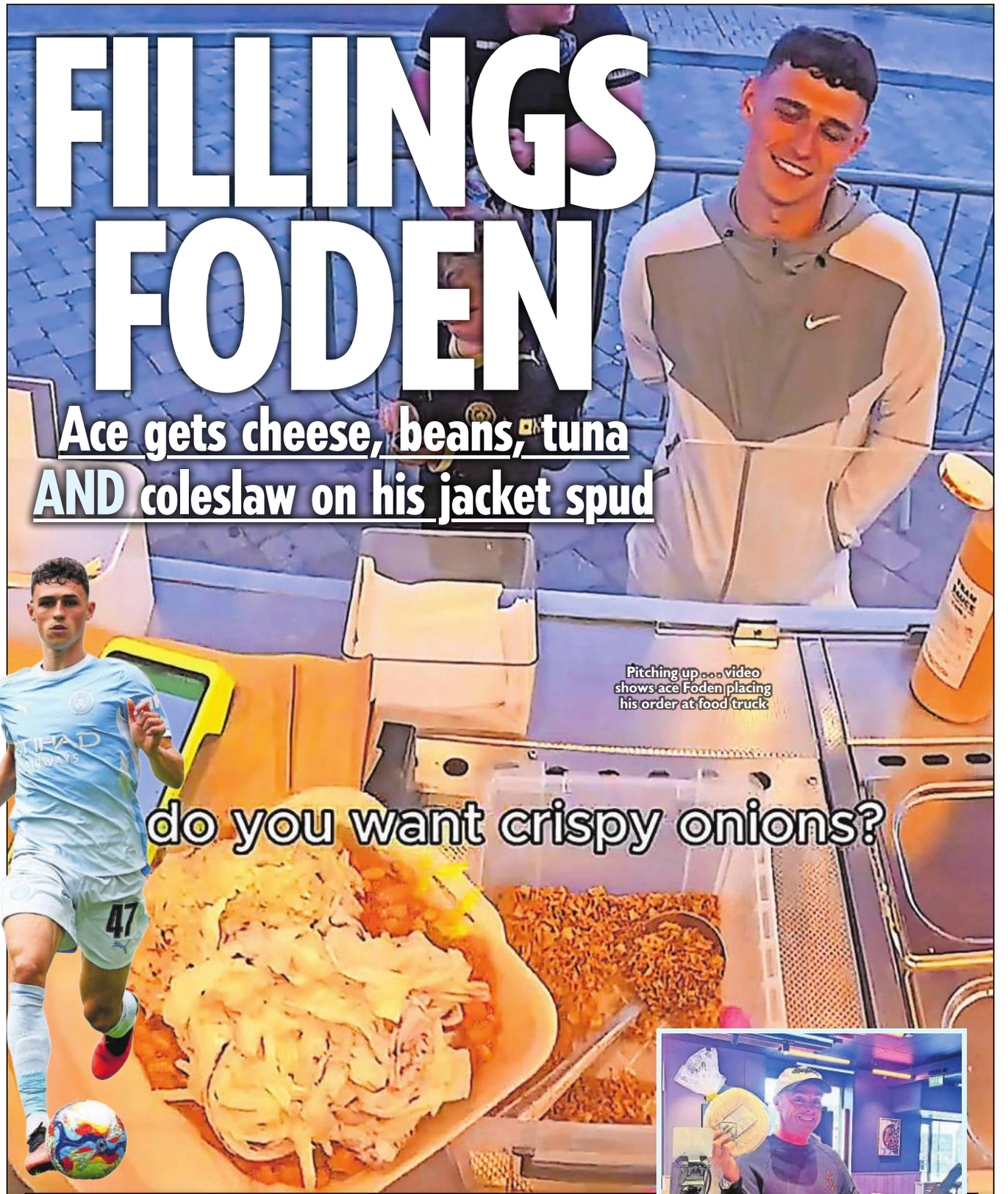
Ace gets cheese, beans, tuna AND coleslaw on his jacket spud



Pitching up . . . video shows ace Foden placing his order at food truck

do you want crispy onions?

Break . . . Sun story

DOWN-to-earth footie ace Phil Foden fills up on jacket potato on his first visit to a popular food chain.

The £230,000-a-week Manchester City star tucked into a cheese, beans, tuna, coleslaw and crispy onions treat after queuing up at a Spud Bros truck.

Staff at the outlet in Manchester's Trafford Centre shared the order with their social media fans in a video which has so far had 8.5million views.

Last Saturday we told how Stockport-born Foden, 26, partner Rebecca Cooke and their three young children enjoyed a break at Lyons Winkups Holiday Park in Towyn, North Wales – along with Sun readers on our amazing £9.50 holidays.

Rebecca was with him at the food truck, asking if it could be hired for events. Son Ronnie, seven – in full City kit – was seen in the background waving at the camera.

As Foden was the last customer of the day, he got his grub free.

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

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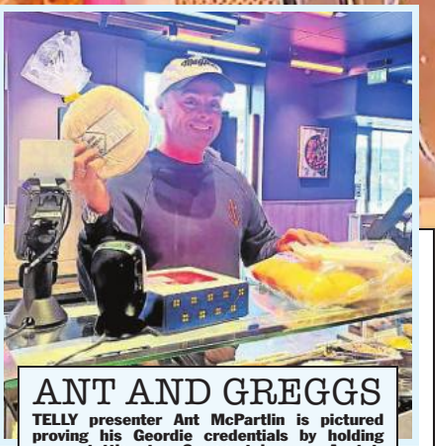

ANT AND GREGGS

TELLY presenter Ant McPartlin is pictured proving his Geordie credentials by holding up a stottie at a Greggs takeaway. A stottie is a traditional heavy and flat round bread from the North East of England.

£19K JOB TO SORT CHELSEA ACE PAY

By ED SOUTHGATE

PREMIER League giants Chelsea are looking to hire a payroll administrator offering as little as £19,000 a year to make sure their mega-rich stars get paid on time.

The club has an annual first-team squad wage bill of £155.5million – one of the top flight's highest.

But the stars' salaries will dwarf the £19,000-£40,000 on offer, depending on experience, for the admin worker.

Chelsea's top earner is captain Reece James on £250,000 a week, closely followed by defender Wesley Fofana who rakes in £200,000 weekly.

Wantaway Argentine ace Enzo Fernandez trousers £180,000 a week, while new £117million signing Morgan Rogers is on £150,000.

The successful applicant, based at Stamford Bridge stadium in West London, will be full-time. As well as sorting out wages for the players and 1,800 permanent and casual staff at the club, they will also dish out P45s if stars go.

A job ad reads: "To ensure an efficient and effective payroll function, ensuring a consistent, timely high-quality service."

Applicants must have "excellent organisational skills and attention to detail".

£250k a week . . . James

Dogs hot cars fear

ONE in four dog owners admit leaving their pet in a car while they pop into a shop or service station.

And 46 per cent wrongly believe parking in the shade makes it safe for their pooch, a poll by pet care firm Rover found.

But wildlife officer Mike Pannett warned: "You should never leave a dog in a car during hot weather — they can die in a matter of minutes."

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AS PRESENTER GIVEN

By ROD MCPHEE
TV Editor

SHE'S battled drug addiction, a brain tumour and breast cancer – but now Davina McCall is finally enjoying her "best life".

Not only has the host of Big Brother, Long Lost Family and The Masked Singer married her "soulmate", she's won one of TV's top awards, after three decades on our screens.

Davina, who turns 60 next year and has raised three children, married her long-term partner Michael Douglas last year.

She said: "He is the kindest, smartest, most open, intelligent, wise man I've ever met.

"I can't believe that I am at this ripe old age, with everything I've been through, and was lucky enough to experience it with him at my side.

"He had just the right mix of real wisdom, knowing the right thing to say at the right time, but also just the right side of funny.

"It's quite depressing, being ill. It feels like it goes on for ages. We were in the supermarket and I'm pushing the trolley and he goes to get something and then he runs up to the trolley and goes, "Ah, no. You've got cancer.

"I mean the relief, the giggle, thinking the bubble's been burst with the stress of it all."

Davina, 58, also revealed that her benign brain tumour in 2024 had put distance between the couple, because she had no short-term memory.

'I was like a performing seal'

But her breast cancer last year bonded them back together.

Finding love with Michael, her third husband, completed a part of Davina's life that was absent from an early age.

From the age of three, she was largely raised in Surrey by her paternal grandparents after her parents separated and her French mum returned to France.

It was a difficult relationship, leading to Davina starting to drink and smoke in her mid-teens. By her early twenties she was addicted to heroin.

Davina said: "I saw myself as being like a colander with lots of holes in it. Any love or security or confidence I had when I was little would fill up the colander for a little bit and then just trickle through. I couldn't keep hold of anything.

"Then drugs filled the colander but then the drugs would run out and it would be empty again.

"But I feel like, over 35 years, I've sealed each individual hole on the colander."

She only pursued a TV career after quitting drugs and booze, though she admits that was because she wanted fame to get validation from her mother.

At the Edinburgh TV Festival, where she received the Outstanding Achievement Award, Davina said: "I was like a performing seal for my mum, I was always trying to get her to be proud.

"I'd do everything for her approval but she couldn't give it to me, she didn't have the tools.

"And then I got on MTV Europe and said, 'did you see it?' and she was like, 'Yes. Why do you pull those stupid faces all the time?'.

"But I was kind of grateful, because the drive got me there and I could let go of trying to impress my mum. Because while I'd been trying to impress my mum, I got my dream job.

"Maybe if I hadn't had that need, I wouldn't have pushed so hard. I always said when I was trying to get a job in TV that a 'no' was just a 'yes' that hadn't happened yet."

Davina was being interviewed at the festival by Nicky Campbell, her co-presenter on ITV's Bafta-winning show Long Lost Family and one of the hidden celebrity singers on the 2024 series of The Masked Singer.

He asked if her addictive personality was part of what drives her on.

"I'm not sure," she said. "Lots of people ask me if I'm addicted to working out and fitness. But I work out three or four times a week for about half an hour to 45 minutes, so I don't think that's

GONG LOST FAMILY . . . Davina discusses award with Nicky Campbell in Ediburgh

LOVE GAME . . . the star with husband Michael Douglas at Wimbledon in July

FIGHTER . . . Davina after finishing radiotherapy in January. *Inset*, mum Florence

FRESH START . . . with MTV Europe in 1994

MAJOR TELLY AWARD

BEST LIFE . . . Recently married and cancer-free

DAVINA: Drive to impress my mum made me a TV star

it. But I can also think of worse things to be addicted to."

After MTV Europe, she made her move to the big terrestrial channels, hosting shows including God's Gift and Streetmate, both on ITV.

'Something in the universe shifted'

Then, in 2000, came the show which would make her a star – Channel 4's Big Brother.

She said "something in the universe shifted" when she got the job, and it was one that she would keep until the programme moved to Channel 5 after her last series in 2010.

She also hosted Popstars: The Rivals on ITV, which discovered Girls Aloud, fronted The Million Pound Drop and The Jump for Channel 4.

Then in 2011, along came Long Lost Family, a show which, she insists, has changed her the most as a human being.

Through being on the panel of another ITV smash hit, The Masked Singer, for the past six years, she is still going strong and blazing a trail for older women fronting major TV shows.

Which is why she was particularly moved to receive the Edinburgh TV Festival award – a gong that comes from the great and the good in the industry.

Fighting back tears, she said: "It means a lot because lots of shows I've done have won awards, but never really for me as a presenter.

"It just means something for your peers to see you.

"It means the world."

4 'IRAN AGENTS' TORCHED AMBOS

FOUR men have pleaded guilty to destroying four Jewish community ambulances in an arson attack.

By MIKE SULLIVAN

Hamza Iqbal, Rehan Khan, Judex Atshatshi and Saif Ali admitted destroying property being reckless whether life would be endangered.

The men, said to have been paid proxies of an Iran-backed terror group, were traced via mobile phone data, CCTV, automatic numberplate recognition cameras and ultra-low emission zone data.

Leo Seelig, prosecuting, told the Old Bailey the Crown would submit there was a terrorist connection when the four are sentenced after the trial of a fifth man.

The attack, in the early hours of March 23, caused damage worth more than £1million. The four fully stocked ambulances, operated by the Jewish charity Hatzola, were torched in Golders Green, North London.

Blaze . . . the ambulances

Oxygen tanks inside three exploded.

Iqbal, 20, and Khan, 19, of Leyton, East London, Atshatshi, 18, of Dagenham, and Ali, 18, of Walthamstow, were remanded into custody.

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Ten lakes done . . . Neil

Brit in the Swisstory books for swim feat

By ALEX WEST

A BRITISH dad has become the first person to swim Switzerland's ten largest lakes.

Neil Gilson, 40, battled exhaustion and freezing water to complete the challenge covering a total of 233 miles.

The hotelier finished his feat by swimming the 45-mile length of Lake Geneva in 22 hours.

Neil said: "I was a bit broken, lots of sore bits, but really pleased I've managed to get it done."

He had to swim continuously without touching the support boat. His team provided his food and drink via a pole.

His two-year lakes challenge involved 110 hours of swimming.

Neil, from Ilfracombe, Devon, raised money for charities including Pans Pandas UK.

His son Jack developed rare condition Pandas which can cause severe changes in behaviour, but is now much improved.

On the show . . . Mel

TV's Mel: I've never watched Bake Off

By ED SOUTHGATE

FORMER Great British Bake Off host Mel Giedroyc has revealed she does not watch the show – and did not even when she appeared in it.

The telly presenter and comic said she wants to "close the door" on the hit that she left when it went to Channel 4 in 2016.

Mel, 58, added that she is still friends with judge Paul Hollywood and former judge Mary Berry and thinks booking Nigella Lawson was "genius".

She told Woman & Home magazine: "I don't watch Bake Off. That's not out of annoyance. I just find it quite hard to view shows that I'm in.

"It's part of my life that's gone . . . that was then, and this is now."

She added: "Bake Off is a great format, and they have kept it going absolutely brilliantly.

"I am so excited about Nigella joining. Maybe I'll start watching just to see her and Paul together."

AS TRAILER CRASHES INTERNET..

OMG! MY COP CAR'S IN GTA!

By LAUREN UTTLEY

Iconic motor filmed by game's boffins

A BRIT gaming fanatic is convinced his US cop car is going to star in the hugely anticipated new Grand Theft Auto video game.

Lukas Holmes reckons he has spotted the distinctive black and white Ford Crown Victoria in trailers for the release.

Developers from Rockstar Games, the Edinburgh company behind the GTA action-adventure series, spent hours photographing the car and recording sounds including its engine and doors slamming in 2021.

Lukas, 28, declared: "Honestly, I'm very excited. A crazy kind of excited, but I'm also trying to suppress it." Grand Theft Auto VI is due to be released on November 19.

It is expected to be the year's biggest game launch with development costs estimated at £866million.

Predecessor GTA V came out in September 2013 and became one of the best-selling games of all time.

Lukas, from Warrington, Cheshire, has dreamed of owning a US police squad car since he was five.

In 2019 he bought the cruiser from Warminster Township Police Department in Pennsylvania.

He now rents it out for media work though his website Rent-A-Vic. In 2021, he was invited to bring the car to Millbrook Proving Ground test track in Bedfordshire.

Lukas said: "I had my suspicions it was Rockstar when I was told it was a big client from Edinburgh.

"Once I found out it was Rockstar Games, I was like, it's got to be Grand Theft Auto.

"Rockstar could ultimately decide not to use my audio for whatever reason, although this remains unlikely when the studio have been going above and beyond in detail.

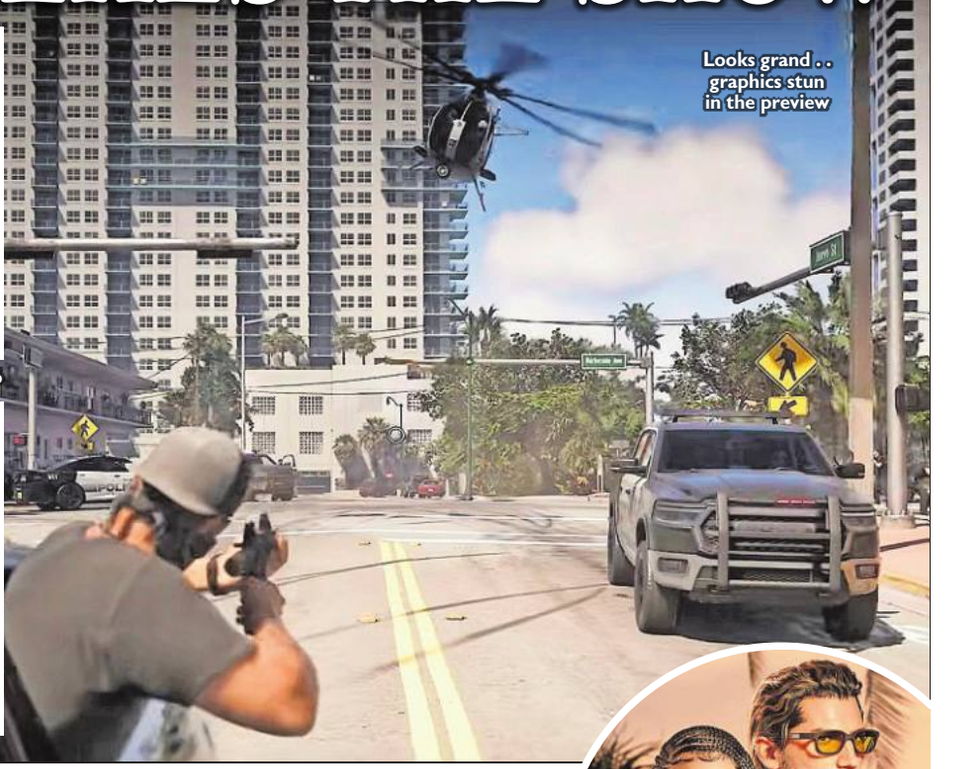
"No GTA title before has ever featured realistic engine/car sound effects. I'm a big GTA fan. I've played the game since GTA IV in 2008."

Lukas said: "I love this car to bits. I've had silly offers from people wanting to buy it. I've turned them all down."

Lukas . . . with car

No6 STEALS THE SHOW

Cops & robbers . . . screenshots from GTA6



Looks grand . . graphics stun in the preview

Crime pays . . . game's stars Jason & Lucia

By LAUREN UTTLEY

AN extended preview of the new Grand Theft Auto game shows fans can expect mind-blowing graphics, car chases and shootouts.

Millions have watched the 26-minute clip on Netflix and YouTube since its release yesterday.

The trailer showcases the relationship between Jason Duval and Lucia Caminos, the couple at the centre of GTA VI's Bonnie and Clyde story. The preview, with a soundtrack including Cliff Richard's 1970s hit Devil Woman, also includes lifelike graphics of characters and locations in the fictional Florida-inspired state of Leonida.

Players can also explore Vice City, an area based on Miami, which first appeared in the original game.

Grand Theft Auto has sold half a billion copies since the series launched in 1997. Gaming expert Will Guyatt reckoned: "With all the hype and expectation, fans were not let down by the extended reveal.

"Rockstar have even made the music of Cliff Richard cool again.

"I'm looking forward to chasing alligators, playing basketball and kayaking — at the same time as becoming a crimelord. I'll definitely be booking days off to play this, or joining the legions with GTA flu."

CHARLES'S GRIEF FOR COUSIN KING

THE King has paid tribute to his "dear cousin" King Harald V of Norway, who has died aged 89.

By NICK PARKER

Charles's second cousin once removed passed away yesterday morning, with his son becoming King Haakon VIII.

Charles said: "It is with the most profound sadness that my wife and I have learned of the death of my dear cousin, King Harald V of Norway. For 35 years, King Harald served his people with unwavering dedication, guiding Norway through times of great change with warmth and humility."

Harald and Queen Elizabeth II had the same great-grandparents, King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

Charles added: "The United Kingdom and Norway share particularly close historical and family ties, with Britain one of the first countries to recognise Norwegian independence and establish diplomatic relations in 1905.

"These special bonds were even further strengthened during the dreadful trials of the Second World War."

Died . . . Harald V

He sent condolences to Queen Sonja – a commoner who Harald broke with tradition to marry – who would have celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary today.

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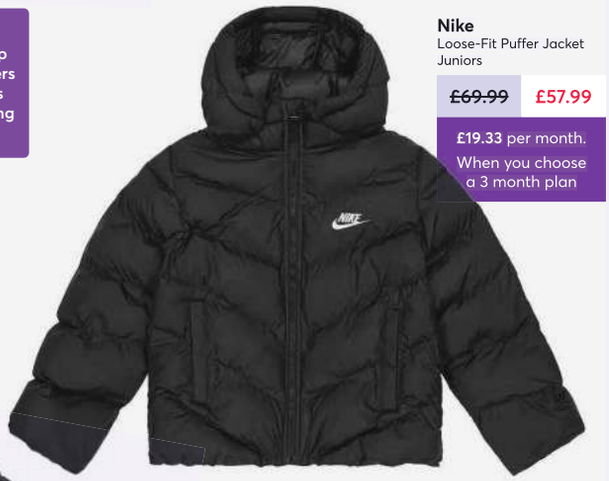

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SCARLET'S AMERICA

BATTLE

EXCLUSIVE from
SCARLET HOWES
US Editor in Colorado City

MAKELLE BISTLINE looks like any other young university student, excited to tell me about her dreams of becoming an architect.

But the 24-year-old's experience of life is anything but normal. For a start, she had 27 siblings and three mothers when she was growing up.

Until three years ago she lived in a fundamentalist sect and was married to a man with 22 other wives – some of them just nine years old.

Oh, and her own mother is now married to that man, too.

I have come to Colorado City, America's polygamy capital, where residents believe that men having multiple wives is ordained by God.

For three generations, the small desert community on the Arizona-Utah border has been home to the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, known as the FLDS for short.

It's a Mormon offshoot that continued to practise polygamy after it was banned in the wider church in 1890 and it is now widely considered a cult, especially by many ex-members.

The ten-square-mile enclave has had a troubled reputation. It was founded in the 1930s before coming under the control of notorious church member Rulon Jeffs – the "voice of God on Earth" who was also known as "The Prophet".

After his death in 2002 his son Warren took over, tightening control with harsher rules and isolation.

New prophet

A fragile Makelle tells me music, television and the internet are banned. Socialising with people outside the FLDS is forbidden.

Children are not allowed to go to conventional schools but are home-educated and encouraged to stay home as much as possible. Even chocolate is not approved of.

Women have to wear long-sleeved ankle-length prairie dresses and pin their hair in a bun. Their path in life is marriage and children.

Men who are deemed not worthy of heading a family are "sent away" without warning.

Makelle tells how her own dad was sent away when she was just four, and adds: "We don't know where they go.

"One day they are gone and we aren't allowed to speak to them."

In 2011, cult leader Warren Jeffs was convicted on two counts of child sexual assault and sentenced to life in prison. At the time, 24 of his 78 wives were under the age of 17.

He continued to rule from prison, issuing strict new rules forbidding any so-called "spiritual marriages". Until one day he went quiet.

It was then that fellow FLDS follower Samuel Bateman – who is now serving 50 years in jail after pleading guilty to child sex trafficking and conspiracy to commit kidnapping – entered the story.

One day, in around 2019, he appeared in the town with a trailer of 19 women – his wives – with several children and babies in tow.

Makelle says: "No one had had any communication with Warren for a really long time. We thought we were losing our connection to God and were all a bit lost.

"That's when Samuel saw an opportunity and he falsely told people Warren Jeffs had died in prison and he was the new prophet."

But Bateman was shunned by the FLDS, so he decided to create a breakaway sect, which Makelle calls a "cult within a cult".

He won over three respected local businessmen who became devoted members of his sect and were asked to hand over their daughters and spouses to be polygamous cult wives. All three have been jailed.

One, Moroni Johnson, gave four of his daughters, two of who were under-age. Today, polygamy is illegal in all 50 US states, though estimates put the number of people living in multiple-marriage families across the Arizona-Utah region at about 30,000.

Makelle was just 17 herself when she was introduced to Bateman after he wooed her family – including her mum, who still supports him – but she was not taken in.

She says: "I didn't know the girls he was married to were so young, but then I found out some were just nine, which didn't sit right with me.

"My brother tried to convert me and said I would get used to it and that I had to accept child marriage as it's the only way to get into heaven."

For 18 months Makelle fought pres-

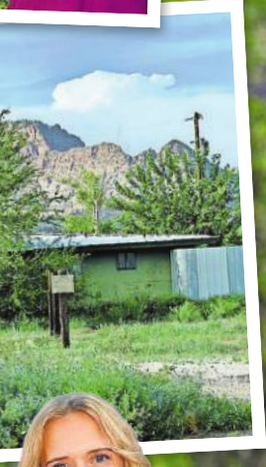
JUSTICE . . . Samuel Bateman awaits his sentencing in court in Arizona this week

EVIDENCE . . . Esther Bistline, who testified at Bateman's trial, with daughters Charlette, *left*, and Katheleen

MONSTER'S LAIR . . . Samuel Bateman's former home in Colorado City

UNITED . . . *from left*, Christine Marie, Julia Johnson and Naomi Bistline

TO ESCAPE CULT IN U.S. POLYGAMY CAPITAL



I married a man with 22 wives, some of them just 9 years old. My mom is with him now

Pictures: JEFF RAYNER/COLEMAN-RAYNER

'I didn't know the girls he was married to were so young then I found out. My brother said I had to accept child marriage – as it's the only way to get into heaven'

Says MAKELLE BISTLINE

sures from loved ones to marry Bateman, until she finally gave in and became his 22nd wife, aged 19.

She shows me diaries from the time, in which she wrote she had "absolutely no desire to marry that man", and says: "I was rebellious. I say rebellious but it was wholesome stuff like I listened to Taylor Swift. That's what I wanted. The kind of love she sings about."

She adds of the marriage: "I didn't want to, but I felt forced to. There was no wedding, he basically just said, 'You're my wife now'."

Makelle tells me of some of the abuse that Bateman inflicted on his victims, including rituals where young wives were passed around men, with videos streamed to followers elsewhere.

It was Makelle herself, she reveals, as well as a woman called Christine Marie, who helped to bring down Bateman, along with several mothers in the FLDS. She says: "I was secretly talking to Christine and telling her what was happening and then she introduced me to the FBI and I spoke to them about everything I knew."

Christine, 60, tells me how she and her husband Tolga busted Bateman: "We moved to the town as outsiders in 2016 to help in a recovery effort after a terrible flood.

"I met some FLDS women and gained their trust. We decided to make a documentary about the FLDS and when we met Sam in 2017 he said he wanted to be in it.

"He started confessing one day in his car that he was sexually abusing children so we decided we needed to keep filming to get some evidence for the police.

"That eventually led to the FBI getting involved and we had to keep turning over evidence until they finally raided his house and arrested him." The extraordinary story is charted in a four-part Netflix documentary, Trust Me: The False Prophet.

At Christine's house I also meet FLDS member Esther Bistline, who testified at Bateman's trial, and is there with her daughters Katheleen, 17, and Charlette, 15.

Esther, 49, says: "My sister worked at a store in town and she would tell me that he would come into the store with his wives and there was this nine-year-old girl who they would call Mother.

"I found out I was on his list of potential wives. But if he was saying that, then he wasn't looking at me, but at my daughters.

"I had to protect my children so I knew what Christine was doing the whole time and supported her."

As for Warren Jeffs, Esther says: "I only have good experiences with him. I don't have anything bad to say about him. He's still the Prophet."

Days later I reunite with Christine in Flagstaff, Arizona, to witness Bateman being further sentenced for child abuse charges. Police had found several young girls locked inside a hot, unventilated trailer.

I sit among his victims as they read impact statements to the court. The girls – Moroni Johnson's children – speak about how they lost a childhood, while their mum Julia, who became a key whistleblower, delivers a heart-wrenching speech.

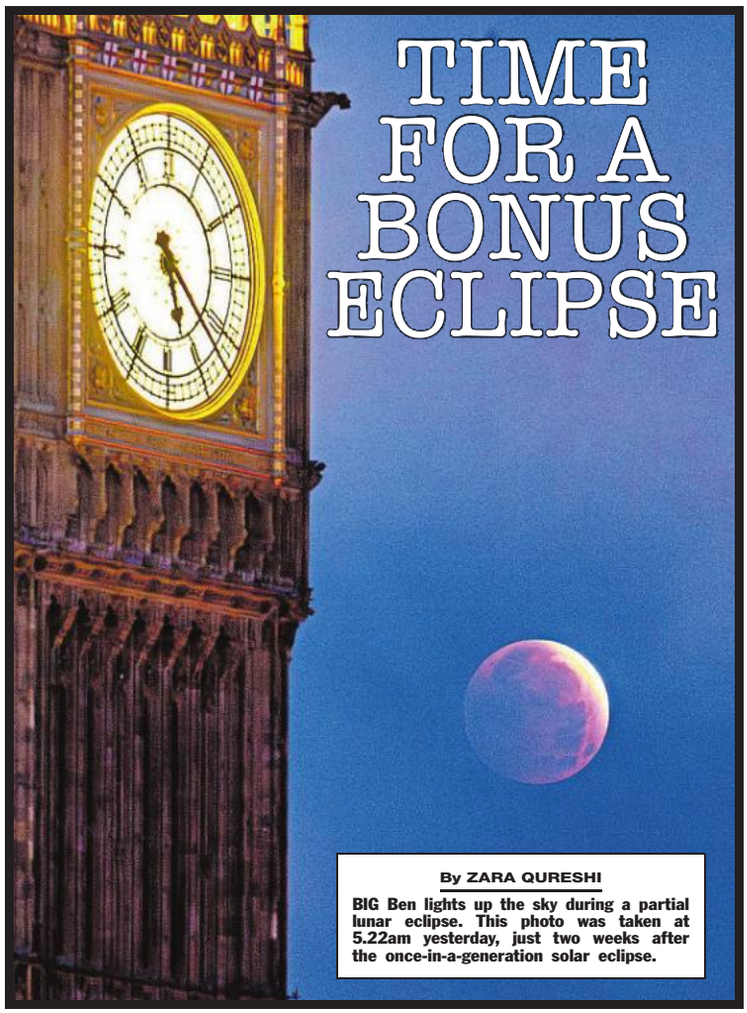
When Naomi Bistline, one of Bateman's ex-wives, details how she was raped and given to other men all in the name of "God" before labelling him a monster, I struggle to hold back tears. All of the victims ask for Bateman to acknowledge his crimes but when he is asked if he has anything to say, he simply states: "I deeply love them."

The judge gives Bateman an extra 24 years in jail, ensuring that he dies behind bars. Afterwards, I am invited to a gathering at FLDS member Norma Richter's home.

The 59-year-old has 75 siblings, five mothers and is herself one of five wives to her husband. One of the wives is her own mum.

When asked about Warren Jeffs, she too refuses to concede that he did anything wrong, saying: "What if it is just a story? Time will tell."

I can't say I understand their way of life – or thinking – but I do understand what it means to be a woman, and despite our differences I feel proud of these women for taking down an evil paedophile.



TIME FOR A BONUS ECLIPSE

By ZARA QURESHI

BIG Ben lights up the sky during a partial lunar eclipse. This photo was taken at 5.22am yesterday, just two weeks after the once-in-a-generation solar eclipse.

SPY PEN TEACHER BANNED

A TEACHER who gave a pupil a spy pen in an attempt to film her undressing has been struck off.

Matthew Udall, 33, had encouraged the girl to use it at home to write in a journal, without telling her it had a camera.

But he instructed her to get changed before doing so.

A Teaching Regulation Panel said the pupil spotted the camera lens on the pen and confided in a friend and another teacher, who informed the head.

Udall, who had been at a Warwickshire school, was arrested in 2022 and got 31 months' jail after he admitted inciting or causing a girl under 13 to engage in sexual activity and attempting to observe a person doing a private act.

The panel noted there was "no indication Mr Udall had succeeded in his attempt, but his intentions were clear from the conviction he received". The former science teacher was banned indefinitely after a hearing found his "actions were sexually motivated and had the potential to cause serious harm" to the young girl.

There was no provision for a review period as the panel was "unable to say with any degree of certainty that there was a low risk of Mr Udall repeating his actions".

By THOMAS GODFREY

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It's Xmas every ray

A MAN who has celebrated Christmas every day for 33 years says this summer's heatwaves have made it "unbearable".

Andy Park has a daily festive roast, mince pies and a sherry, unwraps gifts to himself and pulls crackers on his own.

But the divorced dad, who keeps decorations up all year, has had to open the prezzies in a paddling pool to cool off and cook on his barbecue.

The washing machine and cooker repairs man, 62, of Melksham, Wilts, said: "It's been so hot, it's been unbearable.

"But every day is Christmas Day to me and I've got to do what I do, no matter what."

Wedding 'best' day

GETTING married is life's most unforgettable moment, followed by the birth of a first child, a survey has revealed.

Both got almost half the votes in the poll by John Lewis Money.

Losing a loved one came third on 45 per cent. Buying a first home and passing a driving test are next on the list.

Some 68 per cent of the 2,000 people polled said happy memories help them on bad days.

Pip Deacon, from John Lewis Money, said: "No one looks back fondly on life admin or even work – it's the memorable milestones that make life special."

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ANCIENT FIND
NORFOLK VOLCANO
Eruption was like 1m nukes

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

THE remains of a huge ancient volcano have been found off the coast of Norfolk.

Millions of years old, the supervolcano was beneath The Wash off East Anglia.

It measured at least 40 miles wide, extending into modern Norfolk and Lincolnshire.

Scientists say it erupted with the force of one million nuclear bombs 454million years ago. The mammoth explosion would wipe out human life today.

British Geological Survey experts believe the blast could hold the key to a disaster that left much of northern Europe including Scandinavia, Poland, and Belarus smothered in volcanic ash.

The volcano was found after fresh analysis of rock samples taken 80 years ago from deep boreholes in North Creake, Norfolk, and Claxby, Lincs, and kept by the BGS at its archives in Keyworth, Notts.

Apocalyptic . . artist's view of Toba

The samples contain microscopic ash crystals smaller than a human hair that were a match for material analysed by the University of Oslo.

Earlier work by University of East Anglia scientists identified a geophysical anomaly beneath The Wash region.

The BSG's Dr Tim Pharaoh hailed the "fantastic result" for changing "our understanding of England's geological past".

He went on: "Unlike faults, which can be seismically reactivated, a volcano can't. Once it's gone extinct, that's it. Nobody needs to worry about the volcano erupting again."

There are 30 supervolcanoes with Italy's Campi Flegrei the nearest to the UK.

The last apocalyptic eruption was Toba in Indonesia 74,000 years ago, which genetic evidence suggests wiped out all but a few thousand people on Earth. But Taupo in New Zealand erupted 25,500 years ago – and is overdue another.

Dressed to spill..

A HOODIE with a design making it look like a mechanic has wiped oily hands on it costs £1,150.

T-shirts with the same appearance are £675.

The garments by fashion firm Balenciaga have just become available.

One shopper said: "Who'd want to look like a grease monkey at the end of a day's work?

"The combined look would be £1,825. You could buy a decent second-hand car for that."

The clothes come in grey or blue. Despite their dirty appearance they can only be cleaned on a mild wash.

The Spanish brand is popular with celebs such as Brit singer Dua Lipa.

I Don go to shops

MONTY Don has said he does not go to garden centres because he gets too much attention.

The BBC Gardeners' World expert told a podcast: "I live in a bubble.

"Partly because I live in the middle of nowhere and partly because I want to garden all the time, which is not a social activity. And I have no privacy in public."

Monty, 71, said sometimes he asked centres to open just for him.

He added: "It sounds appallingly indulgent, but that's what happens. So it's great to come to a show. It's real people, real gardening. And I don't get to do that much."

RYL DEAL

By JACK HARDWICK

POP star Cheryl has an eye on the past in a new ad. The 43-year-old, in talks to be a coach on the next series of The Voice, posed for Nivea eye serum.

In a nod to her Girls Aloud roots, Cheryl said: "Life's about to get cold." The group's single Life Got Cold reached No 3 in 2003.

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CINEMAS URGED: SHUN ALI G FILM

THE new Ali G film is facing a cinema boycott amid a racism row.

Picturehouse Cinemas said it has no plans to show Ali G: Who Iz I? when it is released.

The movie revives Sacha Baron Cohen's comedy character after a 22-year break, with a trailer this week showing him in fake dreadlocks and a Rastafarian hat.

Media monitor NewsCord has urged major cinema chains not to show the film, and has sent more than 27,000 emails from supporters of their campaign.

By SEBASTIAN HAW

It accused distributor Amazon MGM of "reviving a racist caricature". Baron Cohen "enforced harmful stereotypes across marginalised communities through his characters", it added.

Ali G was introduced on Channel 4's The 11 O'Clock Show in 1998. He then got his own series before moving to the big screen in 2002 with Ali G Indahouse. Baron Cohen previously said the character is a satire on white youths trying to be part of black street culture.

The movie is released in October. Picturehouse, which has 25 cinemas in the UK, said: "We currently don't have any plans to screen this film." *sebastian.haw@thesun.co.uk*

Satire . . . Ali G

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EXCLUSIVE JACK OS

ROCK SOLID . . . father and son in 2011

By LAURA ARMSTRONG

SHARON OSBOURNE looks directly into the camera, takes a deep breath and says quietly: "My life without Ozzy just isn't my life. It isn't what I'm meant to be. We're like glue."

But ten days after the footage was captured, her husband of 43 years was gone.

The Black Sabbath rocker died in July 2025 aged 76, two weeks after he took to the stage at Birmingham's Villa Park one last time to say goodbye to his millions of fans.

His final days were filmed by BBC cameras for documentary Sharon And Ozzy Osbourne: Coming Home, which is nominated for a National Television Award next month.

Yet his family did not realise at the time of filming that the footage would serve as a eulogy.

In an emotional interview with The Sun, their son Jack, who held up his grief-stricken mum at the rocker's funeral, tells how he still worries about her as she navigates life without his dad.

But he doesn't fear that the former X Factor judge, who spoke in 2007 about considering a suicide pact with her husband, will follow him, saying: "She's got a lot to live for still."

Jack, 40, who recently had a fifth daughter, named Ozzy, said: "The worry is there for sure, but Mum has got a lot to live for still. There's a lot of grandkids.

"She's got a big family, she's got a lot of love and a lot of support. She's been very much leaning into that, which is good to see.

"Every son or daughter will worry about a widowed parent and especially when they've been married for so long.

'Like a freight train'

"But it's not something where I'm like, 'Oh no, it's gonna end badly sooner than we want'. Because we're working on so much stuff, I'm with her a couple times a week and we speak all day.

"She had to go to hospital recently with a stomach issue but she's good."

He added: "Dad never knew we were going to call his fifth granddaughter Ozzy. And if he had, he would have been like: 'Why the fook would you do that?'.

"I'd have argued back that if I'm named after my grandad, my daughter can be named after hers."

Jack also revealed his sister Kelly is in "a happier place" after she split from fiancé Sid Wilson in March.

Kelly, who has son Sidney, three, with the former Slipknot musician, appeared to lash out at her ex in an Instagram rant earlier this year, writing: "Wake the f*** up take some responsibility. I will not take your s**t any more! I'm done. I want to be happy and I have a beautiful son to raise. Leave me alone. Let me heal.

"I can't protect you from yourself any more."

In a later post she asked: "Also, while I'm at it, can I have my dogs back and all my possessions. Oh yeah and maybe some child support?"

Jack said: "Kelly's living her country life. You know, she's living out by the house and she's just doing her thing, being a mom. She's in a happier place and she's got a good routine going.

"She's focusing on her and her son."

Kelly, 41, who struggled to eat while grieving for her dad, has recently had a tattoo on her leg, of his trademark sunglasses.

And Jack added that their dad is "absolutely very present" for her.

But it is clear that any further discussion of her relationships is off the table.

Asked if a scene featuring her ex Sid should be cut from the documentary, he replies frankly: "I'm not going to answer that.

"If I say the wrong thing at the moment, I'll get the s**t kicked out of me."

With or without the clip of the Slipknot DJ and keyboardist, Jack says BBC documentary Coming Home is a "love letter" to Ozzy's family, especially to Sharon. But Jack said he struggled to watch it at first because it brought back so many memories.

He added: "Sometimes I can kind of remove myself from things, and look at them purely from like a creative standpoint. And I really had to do that with this.

"If I had been watching it as a documentary about my family that was filmed ten days before my dad died, I don't think I would have been able to do it.

"It would have been too hard."

Following the rock great's death, Jack told how the news was broken to him by an employee.

And while he was "wrecked" by the loss, he said he will always be grateful he shared a last week with Ozzy before he died, after cancelling a family holiday at the last minute.

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SBOURNE ON LIFE AFTER LOSING A LEGEND

FAMILY LIFE . . . Jack with wife Aree

MY HOLD MAN . . . Ozzy and baby Jack in 1986

GOOD CALL . . . Jack with daughter Ozzy, who was born in March

d had known we were ing our daughter Ozzy d have said: 'Why the k would you do that?'

iving the heartbreaking moment was told his dad had died, Jack : "In those first minutes it was a freight train coming through door. That's when it hit me.

But there's a lot of gratitude that I able to spend the week before he with him.

After the final show, I was sup- ed to get on a plane to go to Por- al for a week with my kids but ryone in my family got the stom- flu, so we ended up cancelling trip.

nstead, we ended up just spending veek at the house with my dad my mum, and thank God. With- that, we wouldn't have had that e, we wouldn't have been there. We were all just hanging out, and dad was beaming because all the spapers were writing about the w. He was very much on a high, it was great. I think my mum had sneakily told him my wife and I were expecting again, but I didn't. He was in his moment and I didn't want to overshadow it. But he seemed really happy and relaxed."

In the days after the rock titan's death, it was Jack who organised the funeral on behalf of his distraught family.

'Dad's very present'

And he told how he was only able to push through the pain of grief because he was sure it was what his dad would have wanted.

He said: "It's not something you can ever prepare for. You never really think, 'How am I going to react? How am I going to process this?' I didn't realise how many things I would have to face.

"And so, I just kind of went into, 'All right, what needs to get done? What do we have to do here?'. I was an absolute wreck while doing it all but I had to step up for my sisters and Mum.

"I wasn't going to just fold up like a lawn chair because Dad would have hated that. He'd have been like, 'What are you doing?'

"Something that has very much been a mantra for me since my dad passed, with anything to do with the family, has been, 'Well, what would Dad want?'.

"We still talk about him every day, absolutely. He's very, very present in our household. Someone said to me after he died that grief is a small room filled with water. Over time, the room gets bigger and bigger, and so the water has more space to spread out in. But it's still the same amount of water."

Jack also told how, in the last days of his dad's life, the BBC filmed a final interview which was not aired as part of the documentary.

He said: "At some point I would like to release an unedited version of the final interview the BBC recorded.

"Dad talked about everything, about the show, about what he was going to do now . . .

"He was asked about what he was going to do now that he wasn't going to tour any more and he kept saying, 'I don't know. I'll figure it out'.

"But he was still excited about writing music and there was still a lot to do.

"I think he was happy that he got to do the final show, like he wanted to. But there were also a lot of questions about death.

"The director was asking him, 'What happens when you die, does it scare you?'. He said he was less scared about death than when he was younger. He didn't believe in heaven and hell, and he used to joke about death a lot.

"As a Brummie, he had a wicked sense of humour and would just drop in comments like, 'Well, I won't be here for that'.

"But what struck me from that last interview was how relaxed and at peace he was.

"He wasn't being crazy Ozzy Osbourne. He was just our dad."

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ON HIS MUM

'She's got a lot to live for…a big family, lots of love and support and she's been leaning into that, which is good to see'

UNITED FRONT . . . Sharon, Jack and Kelly at this year's Grammys

ON HIS SIS

'She's living her country life, just doing her thing, being a mom. She's got a good routine and she's in a happier place'

GRIEF . . . supporting Sharon and Kelly at the funeral last year

ON HIS LOSS

'It was like a freight train coming through the door. But I'm grateful that I was able to spend the week before he died with him'

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WELCOME TO THE WILD SIDE

FROM the runway to your wardrobe, leopard print is again proving itself to be one of fashion's favourite looks. Here are the best high street pieces to embrace your wild side, spotted and handpicked by stylist EMILY REGAN.

Sandals, £25.99, Zara

Top, £19.99, Reserved

Bag, £5, Primark

Scarf, £18, River Island

Scrunchie, £3, Peacocks

Dress, £20, George at Asda

Trousers, £19.99, H&M

Belt, £23, Marks & Spencer

Before weight loss

'He was a proper man mountain, I was a woman mountain. But he had a really warm heart.'

By LYNSEY CLARKE and AMY WALTERS

CLINGING protectively to her boyfriend's arm, Ariane Sherine Juniper feigned a smile as he shared a joke with a much slimmer woman.

The flirty exchange convinced the mum of one that Adam would leave her if she did not lose weight – and fast.

Ariane, who was 16st 5lb at her heaviest, says: "We started living together in March last year, and that same month, this skinny woman came over to Adam at a book launch and started flirting with him.

"We told her when we'd moved in together, and she said, 'Oh God, not even two weeks?'

"Adam then joked, 'Oh yeah, we might even make it to two weeks'.

"I was so upset, because I thought that if this woman wanted to take him off me, she could.

"He was so attractive, and I felt like I was punching."

Although Adam tried to reassure Ariane it was just harmless banter, she couldn't shake the fear she may potentially lose the love of her life due to her size.

Ariane, 46, says: "It made me acutely aware that I needed to slim down. But losing weight through willpower alone was something I just couldn't do."

'A man yelled "big belly" at me in the street'

Ariane – who had supported Adam as he lost almost eight stone a couple of years ago – had been a size 8 until her early thirties, when she started medication to help with a period of poor mental health.

"It seemed to turn on a hunger switch in my brain," says the freelance writer and photographer from Plaistow, East London.

"I wanted to eat and eat, and for the first time in my life, I was scoffing pizza and cookie dough."

Around the same time, Ariane, who is 5ft 3in, got pregnant with her daughter, Lily, now 15.

She says: "I did nothing but eat my whole pregnancy and went from 7st 5lb to 12st 7lb. I was still 11st 3lb after Lily was born."

After breastfeeding, Ariane eventually dropped down to 8st, but her weight fluctuated throughout her thirties and forties, peaking at 16st 5lb in 2023.

After splitting from her daughter's dad, she got engaged a further three times – to a subsequent boyfriend and then twice to a man she eventually married.

She says: "The boyfriend who became my husband only wanted to date me when I was skinny.

"He cancelled the first wedding in 2014 because he got cold feet.

"He didn't want to date me when I was bigger. Then as soon as I lost weight again, he was like, 'Marry me, you're the love of my life'. I cried on my way to the wedding in 2017, because I knew that if he wouldn't marry me when I was fat, it wasn't true love.

"We were both miserable for a year before I filed for divorce."

At her heaviest, Ariane would avoid mirrors, photos and her reflection in shop windows.

"I was embarrassed to go on dates, despite being desperate to find love," she says. "One man said I was fat, lazy and unattractive because of my size.

"Another yelled 'big belly' at me in the street, while one offered me his seat on the Tube, believing I was pregnant.

"I had zero energy. I was morbidly obese and couldn't walk without getting short of breath. I had chest pains and was so huge that I couldn't wipe my bum.

"I ended up quitting my job as an editor of an interiors website as I was so ashamed of being the fat girl surrounded by glamorous women."

Ariane weighed 14st 13lb when she met website managing editor Adam through work in July 2024.

At the time, Adam, 46, weighed 19st 7lb and was also trying to lose weight.

Couldn't shake her insecurities

Ariane says: "He was a proper man mountain and I was a woman mountain. But he had a really warm heart."

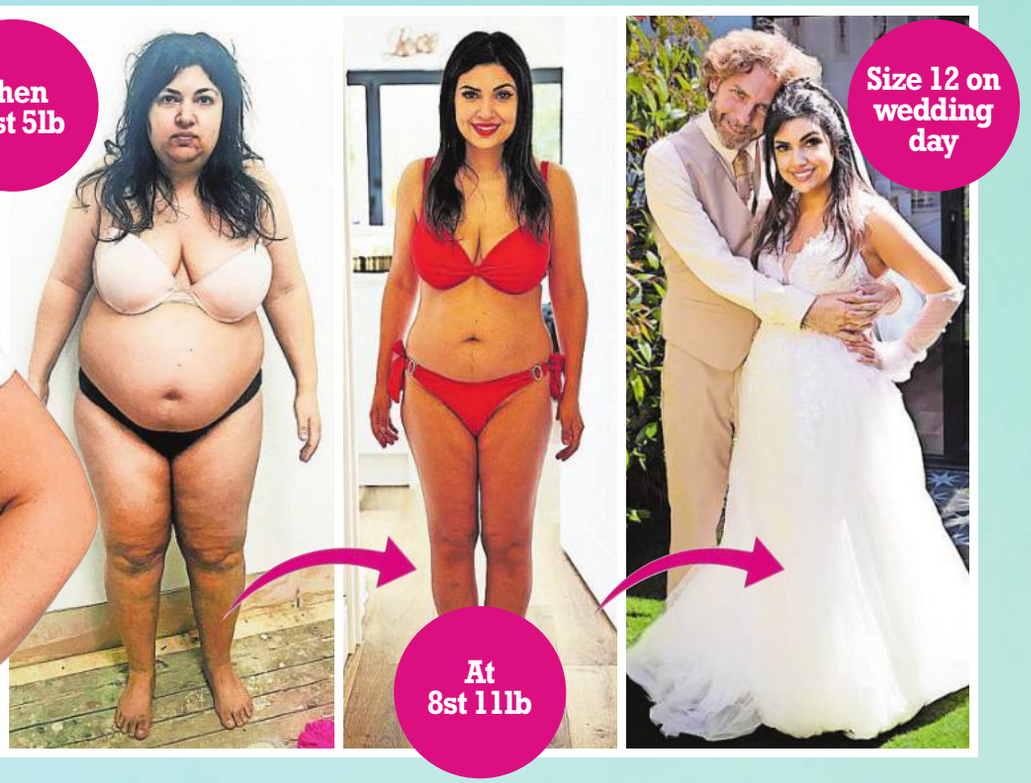
Adam, who has a ten-year-old, was in a relationship at the time, but he and Ariane decided to meet up as friends and support each other with their weight loss.

However, while Adam, who is 5ft

LOTS TO LOVE . . . happy couple Adam and Ariane have both fought the flab

Photography by MICHAEL LECKIE

Convinced a love rival could steal her boyfriend, Ariane Sherine Juniper dropped half her body weight



I LOST 8st ON FAT JABS AFTER A SLIMMER WOMAN FLIRTED WITH MY MAN

'I was morbidly obese. I had chest pains and was so huge that I couldn't wipe my bum.'

10in, made steady progress by calorie-counting and ditching sugary snacks for healthy rice cakes, Ariane struggled. She says: "I didn't make any headway. I would starve myself all day then pig out in the evening, but every time I saw Adam, there was less of him."

After Adam's relationship ended in February 2025, he moved in with Ariane the following month.

He had lost 7st 13lb since the pair first met and weighed a trim 11st 8lb. On the other hand, Ariane had lost just 1st 4lb in the same time period, and weighed 13st 9lb.

After the incident where the slim woman flirted with Adam, Ariane couldn't shake her insecurities. She lost a further 4.4lb but plateaued.

Although she'd previously rejected the idea of weight-loss jabs due to fears around potential health implications, she started Mounjaro in May last year, taking the lowest dose of 2.5mg.

She says: "I was so scared to take it; there were a lot more fears about thyroid cancer. I kind of wish I'd gone on it sooner because it's been a game changer for me, it's changed my life for the better.

"What they subsequently found was that the jabs are actually really good for you and reduce the chances of heart disease, stroke, cancer, Alzheimer's, and all these different conditions.

"Even if they didn't suppress my appetite, I would stay on them for the health benefits.

"I'm really squeamish, so Adam injected me every Sunday. We called him Nurse Adam."

Ariane lost 4st 5lb between May 2025 and February 2026.

In July 2025, Adam proposed to Ariane in the Sky Garden, London's highest public garden with awesome views of the city.

She says: "He got down on one knee. I was overjoyed and said yes, of course.

"When he proposed, I was still 13st 11lb. But unlike certain exes, I knew Adam would marry me at any weight.

'I wanted to be a beautiful bride'

"I genuinely don't think he minded my weight, I think he liked my bigger boobs.

"And weight has never affected our sex life. We've always had sex once a day or more.

"But I always felt that I wasn't good enough for him, and I couldn't believe he had actually proposed.

"I bought my white princessy wedding dress on Shein in three different sizes for £133.

"I wanted to be a beautiful bride, and I didn't want people to think, 'Oh, why is he marrying her?'"

Over the past eight months, Ariane has shed more weight, taking her total weight loss to 7st 8lb.

The couple married in May this year at a register office in Edinburgh.

Ariane, who wore a size 12 dress, says: "We just had two friends as witnesses, the photographer and the celebrant.

"And I no longer feel as though another woman is going to steal him from me."

Ariane, who now weighs 8st 11lb and is a size 10-12, is determined to stay on the jabs for life, despite a few side effects such as nausea and blacking out occasionally if she stands up too quickly. She says: "I get 'Mounjaro fatigue' the day after injecting.

"I call that a red day, where I don't really do much.

"It's £245 a month, which is approaching half my usual monthly income, but it's totally worth it.

"I worry that if I came off it, I would regain all the weight."

ADAM SAYS: "That woman at the event absolutely could not have had me.

"I already knew that I had moved in with the woman I wanted to marry and be with forever.

"I loved her, whatever her size. She's amazing.

"She gets checked out quite a lot, in real life and on social media.

"She has an active following of people online who are quite enthusiastic about her and send flame emojis.

"It really winds me up, actually."

dear deidre

No matter what the issue, I answer every single problem

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Sex with women is a rear-view thriller

Dear Deidre

THE only way I can enjoy having sex with my partner is from behind because that way I can imagine she's a man.

Although I'm sick of living a lie, I can no longer ignore the fact that I'm gay.

I'm 49 and I've known this for many years, I just haven't admitted it to anyone.

Until recently, when I realised I was in love with my best mate, I hadn't even really admitted it to myself.

I've always had relationships with women and recently bought a house with my new partner after ending my previous relationship to be with her.

My friends think we're really happy together and that we have the perfect life. On paper, we do. She's kind, funny and beautiful and I do love her. The problem is, she's a woman.

When we have sex, I imagine that she's a guy.

She thinks I have a thing for doggy style, but really it's the only position where I don't have to see her face or breasts and can satisfy my gay urges.

After sex, I feel unsatisfied and guilty. I have to watch gay porn to feel sexual fulfilment.

The reason I don't think I can pretend any more is because of my changing feelings for my best friend.

We have known each other for 20 years and have always been close, but recently, we crossed a line.

One night, we got very drunk and I ended up giving him oral sex. Afterwards, I made a joke of it, pretending it was a dare.

We haven't spoken about it since, but he's openly bisexual, so I don't think what happened would be an issue for him.

However, he's married with kids. I can't tell him how I feel without risking our friendship and his family life.

Coming out would also destroy my relationship and make my whole life collapse. Everyone would see me differently – my family, friends, employer.

Yet I can't carry on pretending either because it's tearing me apart. Should I be honest and come out, regardless of the consequences?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: You've been pretending for years but now you've reached a crossroads. This isn't really about your best friend, who is just a catalyst. Deep down, you've realised your sexuality isn't something you can just switch off.**

It's not fair to your partner to hide such a huge part of yourself. Eventually, your dishonesty will hurt you both and destroy your relationship.

Don't rush into saying or doing anything until you've spoken to someone who understands.

My support packs, Gay Support and Gay Resources, have lots of information and links to organisations that can help, such as switchboard.lgbt (0300 330 0630).

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Is something troubling you? Our experienced counsellors are here to offer insight and practical help. Email or DM us (details below) or scan this QR code to send a WhatsApp.

Dear Deidre

EMPLOYERS don't want me – and neither do women.

I'm sick of being rejected for jobs and for dates. How can I get someone to give me a chance?

I'm a 39-year-old man. It's been four years since I last had a job, despite sending out hundreds of applications and spending hours tweaking my CV.

I've applied to everyone from banks and law firms to apprenticeships and office jobs, only to be told I'm too old or not experienced enough. That's if I'm not ignored altogether.

Recruitment agencies never call back, and the Jobcentre says they can't help because I have some savings.

My personal life is just as bad. After a decade of being knocked back by women, I've now stopped dating. If they don't scroll past me, they never arrange a second date.

It feels like everyone expects you to have a career and a partner by my age – and I've failed at both. What can I do?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: It's understandable that repeated rejection has knocked your confidence. Don't give up. You just need to try something different and learn to value yourself.**

Read my support pack, Raising Self-esteem, for more on how to do this.

Volunteering could open new doors. Try Do-it Trust (doit.life), which lists UK opportunities, or ncvo.org.uk.

As for dating, think about developing friendships first. Find activities you enjoy where you'll meet like-minded women.

My support packs, Help for Job Hunters and Finding The Right Partner For You, will help.

THANK YOU FOR... STRATEGY TO DEAL WITH SELFISH MUM

Dear Deidre

WHEN I wrote in, I was feeling crushed by guilt after stepping back from my demanding mother.

I'd spent years dropping everything for her, yet when I needed help after major surgery, she wouldn't even bring me a pint of milk.

At 45, I was terrified that putting my own mental health first would make me a terrible daughter.

Your reply made me feel so much better. You pointed out that I'd been riding an emotional rollercoaster for years and that keeping my mum at arm's length was sensible.

You sent me your How Counselling Can Help support pack, and suggested contacting Coram Family Lives (coramfamilylives.org.uk, 0808 800 2222), for more support.

I followed your advice. I stopped chasing my mum, messaged her just once a week and always had a plan B when she cancelled so I didn't feel so let down.

Incredibly, she began making more effort. She invited me to her house for lunch and even apologised for my childhood.

The best result is that my siblings and I have rebuilt our relationship. I'm now arranging counselling to help me deal better with the past.

Thank you for giving me clarity.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Your mother may never be the mum you want her to be, but accepting her for the person she actually is, is so positive.**

SCARED HE WILL LOSE HIS BROTHER OVER FAMILY RIFT

Dear Deidre

A FAMILY feud is ruining my happy marriage, and I don't know what to do.

My husband and I have had a huge fall-out with my sister-in-law and I feel so hurt and angry, but I don't want my husband to lose his brother.

I'm 31 and my husband is 29. We've been married for four years.

Two years ago, my husband's brother, who I'd always got on with well, married a woman I struggled to bond with.

I felt she took over family occasions, making herself the centre of attention.

When she had her first baby, we weren't told about the pregnancy until months in and only heard about the birth days later.

My husband asked to meet his niece, and they said no because they were "cocooning".

Then we got a long WhatsApp message accusing us of ignoring my sister-in-law for years and only wanting to see the baby for selfish reasons.

We were devastated, but decided to apologise, even though we felt a lot of what was said was unfair. We finally met our niece, and I've tried very hard to build bridges, sending gifts and friendly messages.

But when I asked if we could clear the air, my sister-in-law said no – she only wanted to be civil at family events. Then I suffered a miscarriage and lost my baby. She didn't even send a text.

My husband wants to keep trying because he fears losing his brother and not knowing his niece.

But I'd rather walk away. We've been rowing about it.

What should I do?

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: It's not worth falling out with your husband over this. Instead, take a step back and suggest he talks to his brother alone.**

Take time out to heal from your hurt and baby loss, while he rebuilds their relationship. If you see her at a family event, be polite but keep your distance.

Contact standalone.org.uk, which has resources for people dealing with family estrangement.

TEENAGE TROUBLES

Dear Deidre

EVERY time I masturbate, I hear my dad's voice saying it's wrong, and I feel guilty.

He's a very religious Catholic and disapproves whenever I act like a normal 18-year-old boy. He doesn't believe in sex before marriage and thinks it's sinful to watch films with raunchy scenes.

If I fancy a girl, I feel like it's wrong to find them attractive, let alone imagine sleeping with them. But the age of consent is 16. I feel so confused.

■ **DEIDRE SAYS: Your dad has a very strong faith, but growing up means working out your own beliefs.**

There's nothing wrong with masturbating or finding people attractive. But just because the age of consent is 16, it doesn't mean you have to have sex until you're ready.

If you keep feeling guilty, it would help to talk to someone in confidence. Contact themix.org.uk, who help under-25s.

hot topic

SOMETIMES the hardest relationships to leave are the ones we know are not good for us.

Love, hope, and memories of happier times can make it easy to overlook controlling or hurtful behaviour and convince yourself that things might get better.

If you feel trapped in a relationship you can't seem to walk away from, my support pack Addictive Love can help.

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SUNDIAL

See how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word.

You can make at least one word using all of them.

Don't use the letters more than once in any word.

No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary.

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How to enter for a chance at the £50 prize: See puzzle page 3

MINDBENDER

What words are spelled out if you replace the names of the chemical elements and isotopes with their chemical symbols?

[a] Sulphur, phosphorus, argon, selenium
[b] Fluorine, actinium, iodine, aluminium
[c] Helium, deuterium, germanium, hydrogen, oganesson

Answer tomorrow.

PATHFINDER

Beginning with the letter T in the shaded square below, follow a continuous path through the grid to find 17 items to do with decorating. The trail passes through each and every letter once, and may twist up, down or sideways, but never diagonally.

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ANAGLYPTA
ARTEX
BRUSH
COLOUR CHART
EGGSHELL
EMULSION
GLOSS
MATT
PAINT POT
PAPER
PASTE
PRIMER
ROLLER
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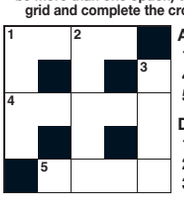
WHITE SPIRIT

ANAGRAM

Correctly solve the anagrams (there may be more than one option) to fill in the grid and complete the crossword.



ACROSS
1 TAPE
4 NEVER
5 MATE

DOWN
1 NAPE
2 ETHER
3 MARE

Calls for extra clues and answers last no longer than two minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: 0333 202 3390 (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

the BIG quizword

ACROSS

1 County west of Kent (4,6)
6 Sheath for a sword (8)
12 D-Day landing beach between Utah and Gold (5)
13 SW Pacific country consisting of a group of islands (7)
14 Sports-car make with Elan and Esprit models (5)
15 Welsh town south-west of Merthyr Tydfil (8)
16 Russian-American actor in 1960's The Magnificent Seven (3,7)
18 Polish composer of the 'Minute Waltz' (6)
20 Christian Dior's 1947 fashion style (3,4)
22 South African of Dutch descent (4)
25 2012 Mila Kunis comedy film (3)
26 2010 Wimbledon men's singles champion (5)
27 Person who presides over a religious ceremony (9)
29 Timber tree of the olive family (3)
30 Diving duck also known as the sawbill (9)
31 Surname of Hotel Rwanda actor Nick (5)
32 Homer Simpson's catchphrase (3)
34 Musical based on a book by TS Eliot (4)
36 Surname of Friends star Jennifer (7)
37 Ms Holden, TV personality (6)
40 Spiritualists' accessory? (5,5)
42 Dorset resort and port (8)
45 University in Birmingham (5)
46 Person who helps children to go to sleep, in a fairy story (7)
47 First name linking actresses Baron, Bellingham and Carter (5)
49 Industrial city in NW Germany (8)
50 Major Egyptian Mediterranean port (10)

DOWN

1 One's conscious self (3)
2 Investor in a company (11)
3 London's tallest building (5)
4 Watercourse of Wales and England (6)
5 Novelist Ms O'Brien (4)
7 Old trademark lock (5)
8 Surname of Henry VIII's second wife (6)
9 Title character of The Merchant Of Venice (7)
10 World War II North Africa veteran (6,3)
11 Creator of the 1755 A Dictionary Of The English Language (6,7)
15 Berkshire racecourse (5)
17 First man on the Moon (4,9)
19 Sea to the west of Greece (6)
21 County between Tipperary and Westmeath (6)
23 American inventor of the phonograph (6)
24 1996 Drew Barrymore horror film (6)
28 Actor who played the title role in the 2015-19 Poldark series (5,6)
30 'Old' children's song character who 'had a farm' (9)
33 1970s Tory prime minister (5)
35 Game that demands contorted poses (7)
38 Famous US circus owner (6)
39 Surname of Scottish singer Annie (6)
41 Surname of US celebrity twins Mary-Kate and Ashley (5)
43 City in northern Italy famous for fashion (5)
44 First name of barrister Mrs Clooney (4)
48 Novel by Vladimir Nabokov (3)

ANSWERS TOMORROW

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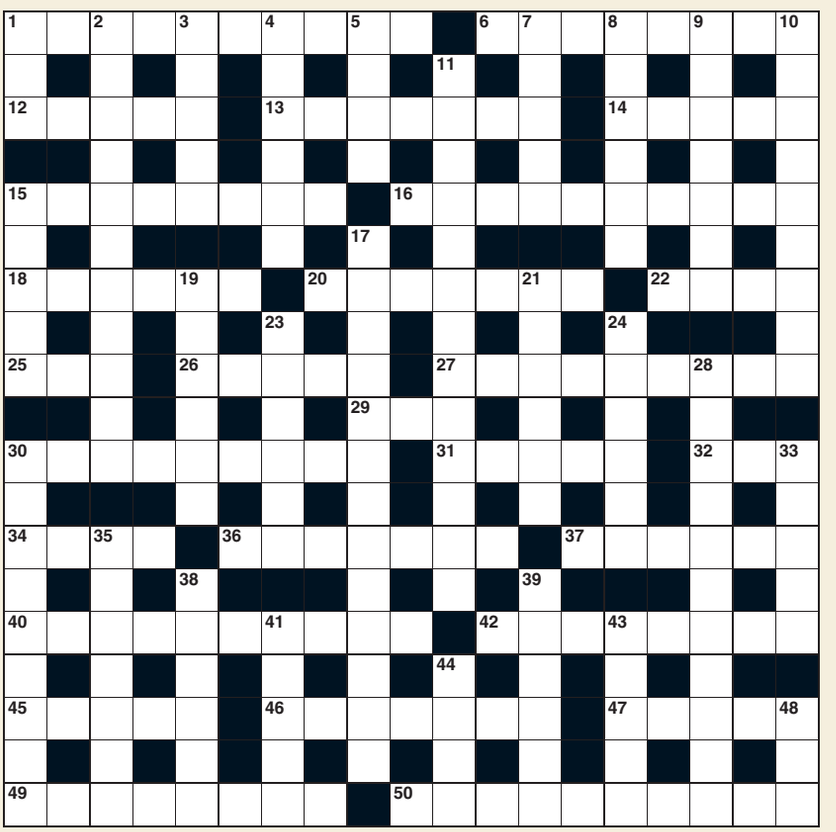

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crossword

WIN! £100

Complete the clues below and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out an actor (4,7).

ACROSS

1 Lady And The ___, 1955 cartoon (5)
6 Stadium of Rangers FC (5)
7 Ms George, Trixie Franklin in Call The Midwife (5)
9 The ___ Show, Jim Carrey film (6)
11 Surname of Paul, Anaconda and Power Ballad star (4)
12 First name of former Wimbledon champion Ms Graf (6)
15 Wild Thing group (6)
17 ___ Joan Hart, actress who played Sabrina, the teenage witch (7)
18 ___ Flame, Bangles hit (7)
21 Bram ___, author of Dracula (6)
23 Pedro ___, The Mandalorian actor (6)
26 ___ Cobain, 1990s rock star (4)
27 Phoebe's twin in Friends (6)
29 John Travolta's character in Grease (5)
30 Ms Kuenssberg, political journalist (5)
31 Donny Osmond's sister (5)

DOWN

1 The Doctor's time-/spacecraft (6)
2 The ___, US medical drama (4)
3 Joel ___, The Masked Singer presenter (7)
4 Channel 4 sitcom set in Northern Ireland (5,5)
5 Peter Pan character (5)
8 ___ The Woods, 2014 film (4)
10 Claude ___, Casablanca actor (5)
13 ___ Walcott, retired footballer, now pundit (4)
14 Surname of Barney Rubble's neighbours (10)
16 ___ Jama, Love Island presenter (4)
19 Star of Fiddler On The Roof (5)
20 Younger of the Farnon brothers in All Creatures Great And Small (7)
22 Heidi ___, former America's Got Talent judge (4)
24 Rose ___, Vigil actress (6)
25 ___ Calman, comedian and TV/radio panellist (5)
28 ___ Levine, Maroon 5 frontman (4)

SUNRISER

Place these items in the horizontal rows so that the letters in the diagonal staircase spell out another word or name related to This Morning.

ALISON
CASH
CAT
DERMOT
FEATURE
SOFA
TOPICS

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a boxer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

7 & 9	Mr Henderson, Crystal Palace goalkeeper (second and last letters of name)
2 & 8	Mr Laurie, Scottish actor who played Private Frazer in Dad's Army (second and last letters of name)
1 & 6	Screenwipe and Black Mirror creator
5 & 4	Mr McCann, who played Sandor "The Hound" Clegane on Game Of Thrones (first two letters of name)
3	Lord Soames, former Conservative MP who is also grandson of Winston Churchill

Yesterday: Athlete ZOLA BUDD (Paul (Townend), Don Bradman, (Sir) Menzies (Campbell), Denis (Villeneuve), (John) Logie (Baird)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.

If you can't wait until tomorrow for the answers, call 0901 293 6298. Calls cost £1 plus your phone company's network access charge.

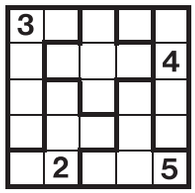
BRAINBOX

Alan had bought 28 pieces of meat for his bank holiday barbecue, with a different number of each type. There were as many koftas and burgers put together as there were drumsticks and sausages, and as many drumsticks and koftas as there were sausages. There were at least 3 of each item, and burgers were the item that Alan had bought the most of. Can you deduce what pieces of meat Alan had bought?

Solution tomorrow.

SUGURU®

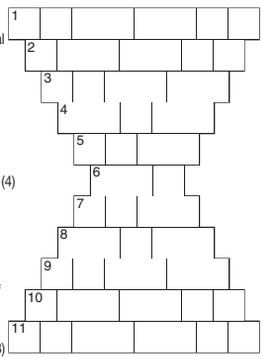
Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally.



BRICKWORK

Answer each clue so that every entry contains the same letters as the previous entry, plus or minus one.

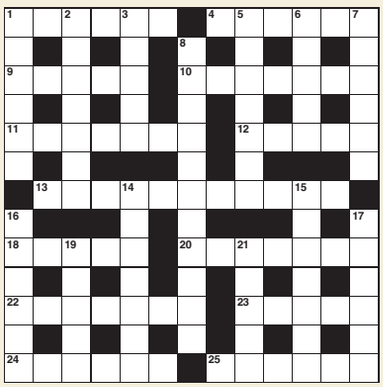
1 Maize flour (8)
2 Old hospital social worker (7)
3 Everyday (6)
4 Ethic (5)
5 Mottled fabric (4)
6 Ewe's mate (3)
7 Group of soldiers (4)
8 Civic dignitary (5)
9 Cheese-based sauce (6)
10 Word formed from the initials of others (7)
11 Country with a king or queen (8)



2-speed crossword

coffee time

...two sets of clues but the answers are the same



ACROSS

1 Burden (6)
4 Person who checks and corrects text (6)
9 Equal (5)
10 Person from the largest country in the world (7)
11 Server in Starbucks, perhaps? (7)
12 Where the foot joins the leg (5)
13 Very destructive (11)
18 Trudge (5)
20 Short stop waiting for a connection at an airport, for an American (7)
22 Inactive (7)
23 Acknowledge (5)
24 Decorated (6)
25 Not go to bed (4,2)

DOWN

1 Calligrapher (6)
2 Different (7)
3 Soothes (5)
5 Aloof (7)
6 Viscous (5)
7 Someone who lets out property (6)
8 Piece of armour (11)
14 Hard bituminous substance (7)
15 Newness (7)
16 Artist's workroom (6)
17 Prepare a draft of (4,2)
19 Pinny (5)
21 It makes bread rise (5)

cryptic clues

ACROSS

1 Unhappy, led astray in rider's seat (6)
4 Journalist tried desperately to bag Oscar (6)
9 Victor overwhelmed by Iranian cash for opponent (5)
10 Muscovite, perhaps, from USSR in a broadcast (7)
11 Coffee seller is a brat, surprisingly (7)
12 Joint article about moose (5)
13 Dave tasting liquid can be highly traumatic (11)
18 Returning in the afternoon, a right vagrant (5)
20 Partner taking a year break in journey in America (7)
22 Easily manipulated person, short of love around noon, is resting (7)
23 Permit everything that is painful (5)
24 Bananas are not fancy (6)
25 Avoid relegation, for example, excited to take eighth spot in competition (4,2)

DOWN

1 Plagiarism bores south-eastern writer (6)
2 Various loons, maybe back in servitude (7)
3 Large seabirds ignoring the first calm intervals (5)
5 Far-off Tardis tantalises hosts (7)
6 Stupid husband bitten by bloodsucking mite (5)
7 Go in after Republican tenant (6)
8 Part of chicken portion found in PPE? (11)
14 When to stop covering top of path in paving material (7)
15 Strange lot envy curiosity (7)
16 Boss I love is in atelier (6)
17 Stop Unionists welcoming Green (4,2)
19 Some governor parked the wrong way in approach to the green (5)
21 Unknown bridge player's fungus (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Sum-p, 3 Bar-racks, 9 Mit-tens, 10 Viol-a, 11 Boo-z-e, 12 Ex-p-ats, 14 D'i-lute, 16 Spla-sh, 19 Par-son, 21 Od(d)-our, 24 O-ch-re, 25 Imperil, 26 Para-lyse (lies), 27 Used.
DOWN: 1 Somebody, 2 Met-ro(bin), 4 Austen, 5 Rev-up, 6 Cro-a-tia(t), 7 S-lab, 8 De-cent, 13 Chor-tle-d, 15 Lea-the-r, 17 P-romp-t, 18 Undies, 20 S-well, 22 Orris, 23 Loo-p.

Check today's answers before midnight by calling 0905 757 0150 for Across and 0905 757 0151 for Down. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your phone company's network access charge.

INITIALS

If P is Paradise, what are these other Coldplay songs?

1. ASFOS
2. IMP
3. FY
4. SJLT
5. TS
6. SOS

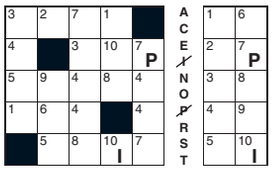
UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble these anagrams to spell out six current or recent female EastEnders characters.

1. OH, HILLY CEMENT
2. NEARLY AMOUNTED
3. URBAN YELL
4. CHOSE A FLEX
5. NOTABLY RETREATED
6. SKIP SUN AREA

MINI CODE

Ten letters have been given a number from 1 to 10. Break the code to complete the crossword.



A = 1
C = 6
E = 2
I = 7
N = P
O = 3
R = 4
S = 8
T = 5

PIECEWORD

With the help of the Across clues only, can you fit the pieces into their correct positions in the grid? See next page for solution.

ACROSS

1 Annoyingly insensitive • Weighed down
3 Deed • Bucking horse
5 Guided, directed
6 Small rug • Expected
7 Unhappy • Bloke
8 Chillier, breezier
10 Domed roof • Bone in the leg
12 Tasting of mouthwash • Wax colouring stick

WORD WORKOUT

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 4. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: ACROSS: Harass, Eyed, Gene, Output, Luxuriously, Abject, Polo, Flea, Victor. DOWN: Raze, Gateau, Associative, Wept, Sequel, Unbolt, Unpick, Exam, Loom.

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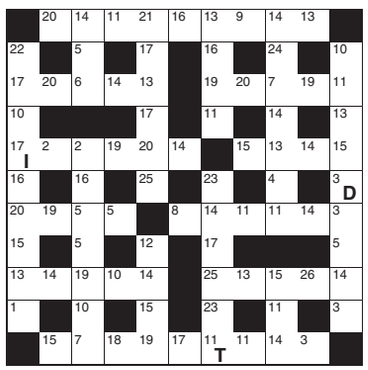

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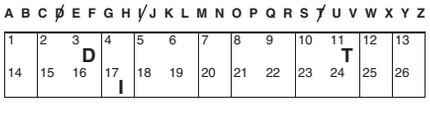

CASH TO BE WON!

ARROWORD

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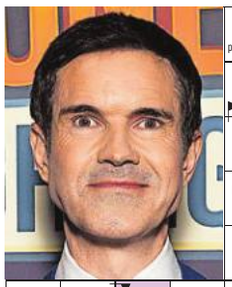
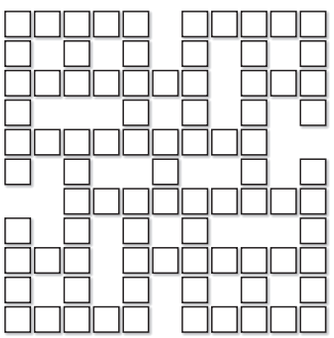
Complete the puzzle and rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell out a singer (8,4).



	Surname of the pictured star		___ Fitz-gerald, jazz singer		Says further	
	Came (from)		Range		Prosperous	
	Brings up, raises					
		Comedy sketches		Mark of a wound		Metal ring
New Zealand language	Bursts		Trashy art			
					Say again	
Flower containers	Pure-bred racehorses		Large sea fish			___ Of The North, sculpture
					Snare	
Study of heart disease		Grass similar to wheat	Morning moisture	___ Hislop, Private Eye editor		And not	Have debts		I consent
Aural method of learning music (2,3)						Scottish word for "tiny"			
Stitched					Adult elvers				

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid.



3 letters
ASH
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ONE
USE
VOW

4 letters
DEED
TOFU

5 letters
COURT
INCUR
POLAR
REALM
REMIT
RIGID
ROWDY
UPSET

6 letters
BLURRY
PIRACY

7 letters
GOUACHE
NUCLEUS
RECLAIM
UNCOVER

9 letters
CINEMATIC
COCHINEAL

MINIDOKU

Using only the numbers 1-4, fill the empty spaces so every row, column and smaller 2x2 grid contains the numbers 1 to 4.

		1	3
2			
3			1

		3	
1			4
	2		
		4	

Solutions

Minidoku

3	4	2	1
2	1	3	4
1	3	4	2
4	2	1	3

3	1	4	2
4	2	1	3
1	3	2	4
2	4	3	1

Kriss Kross

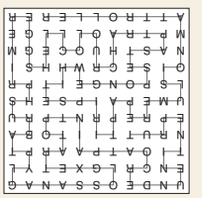
Mini Code

Piecework

Sugaru

1	2	3	1	5
5	4	5	4	3
2	3	1	2	1
4	5	4	3	4
3	1	2	1	2

Pathfinder



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Feature, Cat, Sofa, Cash, Topics, Dermot, Alison – spelling FASHION.

Initials
1. A Sky Full Of Stars
2. In My Place
3. Fix You
4. Something Just Like This
5. The Scientist
6. Speed Of Sound

Unscramble
1. Honey Mitchell
2. Yolanda Trueman
3. Ruby Allen
4. Chelsea Fox
5. Bernadette Taylor
6. Suki Panesar

Brickwork
1 Cornmeal 2 Almoner
3 Normal 4 Moral
5 Marl 6 Ram
7 Army 8 Mayor
9 Mornay 10 Acronym
11 Monarchy

Anagram
ACROSS: 1 Pate
4 Nerve 5 Team
DOWN: 1 Pane
2 Three 3 Ream

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TV Mag solutions

Sudoku

2	5	6	1	4	3
4	3	1	2	6	5
1	4	5	3	2	6
6	2	3	4	5	1
3	6	4	5	1	2
5	1	2	6	3	4

Letter Box

GRAN
RAKE
IRIS
DENT

Word Ladder
TALK, TASK, MASK, MAST, FAST.

Add It Up
63

Set Square

6	+	8	+	9
−		+		+
5	×	3	×	2
×		+		−
7	÷	1	×	4

Futoshiki

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Crossword
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ARIES March 21 – April 20

Have a duvet day if your energy is flagging or you feel low. Consider any changes needed in your life. The Pisces Moon is calling you to embrace your spiritual path, whether you do this through prayer, meditation, yoga or quiet time in nature. Rest up today and you'll be firing on all cylinders tomorrow.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

You might be at a crossroads as a parent or perhaps you want to have a better emotional connection with a friend or lover. Wear your heart on your sleeve and tap into your emotional centre. When you show your feelings, it allows other people to be real. Hang out with your best mates for your best Saturday.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

When home and family dominate, you're aware this makes it difficult to pursue your own path in life. If the balance is out for you, play around with new ideas. When you stop and slow down, you create the space to reimagine your dreams for the future. A friend who's a bad influence could persuade you to party all night.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

Ring the changes and go somewhere you've never been before. A change of scene can help you shift your perspective. This may be beneficial if someone's upset you recently or you're worried about the future. Water has a healing potential for you. Losing yourself in a good film is the ideal way to de-stress.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Emotions are running high and it's natural to experience fear if you're dealing with financial uncertainty. Rather than bottle things up, allow feelings to flow to release any sadness. If you're spiritual, ask your loved ones who've passed for guidance. Trust your intuition and don't switch off your higher powers.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

If you're going steady or married, prioritise quality time with your other half. If recent events have been unsettling, you may need to reorient the compass of your relationship and find your True North as a couple. Single? Don't let life pass you by and be open to love. Walking close to water is soothing for your soul.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Make today your personal reset day and put your well-being first. A new healthy habit could continue to work wonders for you for months to come. Accept an opportunity to help others whether it's through your church or your local community. This will feel good and it will boost your karma.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

Whatever dramas have played out of late, ease your way into the weekend slowly. If you're a typical Scorpio, you can become obsessive and a new romance or hobby may be all-consuming. Lose yourself and dive deep into the emotional realm. Trust your heart to the person wearing a blue gemstone.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

You're being pulled between your head and your heart. Your heart lies with your loved ones, with sentimental touchstones and memories. Your head, though, is switching you into busy mode and to thoughts about your future. For now, allow yourself to bask in the warm glow of the past or family life.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Be around people and places that bring you comfort. There's no need to rush into anything new today, even if you've been considering a wild-card idea to emigrate or go back to school. Just find your own rhythm. Listen to music, read poetry, look at art – anything that inspires you on a deeply emotional level.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

Reflect on recent events but you don't have to sort everything out straight away. If you're a typical Aquarius, you like to think things through and be logical. Work out your best strategy on how to deal with a tricky issue regarding a child or lover. Someone who steps in and helps with cash values you highly.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

If you decide to spend the day on your own, you're in tune with your stars. The Moon in Pisces encourages you to trust your emotions and do what feels right. Both your tears and laughter flow freely and you'll be keen to explore a creative or spiritual source. Trust that all shall be well and things will work out for you.

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RENT WOES

BRITISH rental developer **WATKIN JONES** has cut its annual profit forecast after high interest rates and global uncertainty delayed key deals.

The company had expected stronger earnings in the second half, but it now believes several investor-backed contracts will not be completed before the September 30 year-end, leaving operating profit close to first-half levels.

The firm insisted its robust balance sheet would help it capitalise when conditions improve.

GOOD WIN!

PROFITS have more than doubled at radar equipment and submarine parts maker **GOODWIN** as governments worldwide ramp up military spending.

The Stoke-on-Trent group reported trading profits of £77.5million for the year to April, up 118 per cent. Revenues jumped 27 per cent to £280million.

Demand from the UK and US drove the surge. The group's dividend will rise 18 per cent to 330p, with further payouts possible if Goodwin sells parts of its mechanical engineering division.

ASDA ON WAY UP

Store's glimmer of growth

money daily

By JAMES FLANDERS
Business Affairs Editor

ASDA has delivered its first sales growth in two years, offering a glimmer of hope for the supermarket as it battles to win back shoppers.

Like-for-like sales, excluding fuel, rose a modest 0.2 per cent in the first seven weeks of the current quarter.

The increase indicates Asda may be poised to narrow the gap on rivals after years of losing market share.

Boss Allan Leighton, who returned to lead the chain in 2024, said it was "in the foothills of recovery" adding: There is no quick fix. There's still more work to do."

He pointed out that Asda was only a third of the way through a turnaround expected to take between three and five years. His cautious optimism came as Asda reported second quarter revenues of £5.1billion.

Shopper . . . at store

Like-for-like sales fell by 2.3 per cent over the period, and food sales by 1.9 per cent. Finance chief Michael Gleeson blamed geopolitical uncertainty and the tough economic climate for squeezing household budgets and denting confidence.

He urged Labour to stop loading businesses with extra costs, such as higher National Insurance and business rates, arguing they hold back investment and growth.

Asda is investing in lowering prices, testing shelf-monitoring cameras and partnering with **OCADO** and **AMAZON** to upgrade its online store.

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BP*	516¼	+	0 ¾
BT Group*	206	-	0
Barclays*	494¾	+	2
Barratt Redrow	318½	-	0 ¾
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Brit Amer Tobacco	4134	-	18
British Land	425¼	-	2 ¼
Bunzl	2774	-	8
Burberry Group	1088½	+	16 ½
Compass	2262¼	+	17 ½
Currys*	151¼	+	0 ¾
Diageo	1704½	+	3
Drax Group	774	+	7
Experian	3044	-	1
FirstGroup	179¼	+	1 ¼
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LSE Grp*	8962	-	18
Man Group*	309½	+	2 ¼
Marks & Spencer	395¼	+	4
Mitch & Butlers	281½	-	2 ½
Mitie Group	208¼	-	0
Mobico Group	23½	-	0
Mothercare	0¾		-
NatWest Group*	680¼	+	1 ¾
National Grid	1171	+	11
News Corp A	2297	+	13 ¼
News Corp B	2596½	+	12 ¼
Next	15530	-	5
Pennon*	477	+	2 ½
Persimmon	1176	-	6
Prudential	1018	+	4 ½
Rank Group	104¾	-	0 ½
Reckitt Benckiser*	5128	+	12
Rentokil*	346¼	+	1 ¾
Rightmove	511	-	2 ½
Rio Tinto Ltd*	9424¼	-	37 ½
Rolls-Royce*	1525¼	-	4 ½
SSE*	2444	+	63
Sainsbury's	333½	+	1 ¼
Segro*	965¼	+	1 ¼
Severn Trent	3138	+	38
Shell*	3340	+	29
Smith&New	1061	-	11 ½
Smiths News	69¼	+	0 ¼
Standard Chart'd*	2183	+	36
Tesco	454¾	-	0 ¼
The Sage Grp	1099	-	4 ½
Unilever*	4781½	+	29 ½
United Utilities	1427	+	8
Vanquis Banking Gp	81	+	1 ½
Vesuvius	390	-	1
Vodafone	117¾	+	0 ½
WH Smith	412	-	0 ½

* = ex dividend

CANCELLED OIL COMPO

HEATING oil suppliers who cancelled orders after prices surged when the US-Iran war began have been ordered to compensate hundreds of households. The Competition and Markets Authority said customers were forced to reorder, costing some £150-£350 extra.

Firms will refund the difference, while families who did not reorder will have their first orders honoured.

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TRANSUNION SHAKES UP CREDIT SCORES

TRANSUNION is making a huge change to how it calculates credit scores.

The bureau, which tracks consumers' borrowing, is expanding its current scoring scale from 710 to 999.

It is also updating the names and ranges of its five credit score bands, with the "very poor" category replaced with "very low". The new system will appear on credit-monitoring websites and apps from late September.

Credit scores reflect how reliable people are at borrowing and repaying. TransUnion said its changes will give a more detailed picture of how consumers manage day-to-day borrowing.

They should also help to distinguish between people with poor credit histories and those who have little borrowing history. The shake-up will not affect applications for credit cards, loans or mortgages.

TransUnion's James Robinson, *left*, said: "Our new score is designed to minimise confusion by using a broader range of behaviours over time, rather than a single snapshot."

OLIVIA TOMLINSON

Has summer

HAVE the summer holidays wreaked havoc on your bank account? Don't worry – you can fix your finances with our tips, which could save you around £2,100 by October half-term, or £2,800 by Christmas. Read MARC SHOFFMAN's handy guide to help you get back in the black and stay there, whatever your budget.

SIX WAYS TO FIX YOUR FINANCES

SAVE £2,100 BY HALF-TERM AND £2,800 BY XMAS

SHORE IS PRICEY . . . summer holidays can drain finances but there are ways to claw back cash

TAX HACK FOR COUPLE
Save up to **£1,008**

IF you or your spouse earn below the £12,570 personal tax allowance you could make use of the Marriage Allowance.

This lets the lower earner transfer £1,260 of their unused personal allowance to their higher-earning partner, as long as they are a basic-rate taxpayer. Their tax bill could be cut by up to £252 per year. The claim can also be backdated to 6 April 2022. So, if retired, a couple could get a lump sum payment of £1,008 – useful if you've been indulging grandkids over the summer hols. If you're working, there's no lump sum, it is paid in monthly instalments.

You could get the help in time for October half-term if you apply now via gov.uk. If self-employed you would need to wait until you file a tax return (deadline January 31).

SWITCH YOUR BANK
Save up to **£220**

A GREAT way to boost your cash is to switch your current account as many banks offer free money as an incentive.

The top-paying bonus is currently offered by HSBC, at £220. But there are a few catches.

You can only get the cash by opening an account via its mobile banking app. Then you need to transfer two direct debits, deposit at least £2,000 and spend £500 on your debit card. Once you meet the requirements, you will get the bonus within 60 days, so move fast to cash in by October half-term.

Failing that, you should get it in time for Christmas. Check the full T&Cs on HSBC's website.

Don't just switch banks purely for the bonus, check that it offers a good level of customer service, too.

money talks

By Emily Mee

ON HIGH AFTER

OPENING the email from Delta Airlines, I was left in shock.

"I'm pleased to let you know we've successfully authorised a payment of £570 to your account," it read.

I had contacted the airline and asked to be reimbursed after a flight delay left me stuck in Bogota, Colombia, for nine hours in June. While waiting, I spent around £50 on a day hotel, taxis and food.

But I didn't expect Delta to reimburse me for this AND send me £520 in compensation.

The money you can get for flight delays or cancellations varies massively depending on who you're flying with.

US airlines usually have less strict rules around compensation, but the UK and the EU have tough laws to protect consumers.

Thankfully, my Delta flight

on Saturday

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CO-OP CUSTOMERS GONE TO COVENTRY

THE Co-operative Bank is to move its customers to a rival as part of a £780million deal.

Coventry Building Society bought the Co-operative Bank in January 2025 as part of a merger, and the move is currently seeking High Court approval.

Under the plans, Co-operative Bank customers will move to Coventry on January 1, 2027. The transfer includes Smile customers, who use the Co-op's digital banking.

A spokesperson for the Co-operative said: "We are reviewing our brands but we are taking our time to get this right."

They said the company will continue to use Co-operative Bank and Smile branding.

But Coventry will provide the accounts and financial products if the transfer is approved.

Customers will also see Coventry Building Society at the bottom of all communications from their bank.

If you are with the Co-op, you will get a letter or email about the move.

Coventry account holders will not be affected.

EMILY MEE

Costa packet?

LAZY SAVINGS HACK
Save up to **£198**

TRY automating your savings. Apps such as Moneybox will automatically round up your spending and move the change into a separate account to build a savings pot. Others, like Chip and Plum, assess your income and expenses each month and set aside what their technology estimates you can afford to save.

How much you can save depends on how many transactions you make.

But Moneybox says its customers save £12.37 a week, on average, from round-ups.

This could get you up to £98.96 by October half-term, or £197.92 by Christmas.

EASY CASHBACK SWITCH
Save up to **£220**

MAKE use of great cashback deals to switch to new energy or broadband providers. Cashback sites work by getting a commission when you shop through their platform and instead of pocketing the full amount, they share a slice – usually between one and ten per cent – with you.

Quidco is currently offering up to £195 cashback for users switching to EE Broadband, while TopCashback will give a maximum £215 when you make TV and broadband purchases through confused.com.

Remember that cashback can take weeks, or even months, to arrive. It's never guaranteed – so treat any payment as a nice-to-have boost, and not a certainty. Be wary of spending more than you planned just to earn it.

PARKING SPACE POUNDS
Save up to **£800**

RENTING out your drive is a great way to make extra cash without really having to try. Consider listing yours on a platform such as JustPark or ParkOnMyDrive.

If you live near a busy station, stadium or town centre, you could earn around £150 to £200 a month.

This means you could earn £400 by October half-term, or £800 by Christmas. Listings are free on these sites but fees may be charged.

JustPark takes a processing fee of three per cent per booking received, so you would keep £9.70 from a £10 booking. Remember, you can save up to £1,000, tax-free, by renting out your parking space thanks to the property tax allowance. This is on top of the £1,000 tax-free trading allowance from a side hustle.

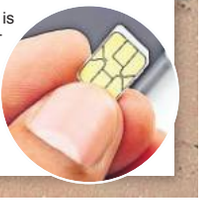
BUST YOUR BILLS
Save up to **£351**

CHECK bills and axe unused subscriptions, which amount to an average £400 per household per year, says Nationwide. Stop them before your September bill to save up to £66 before the October half-term, and £132 by December.

Next, slash bills you can't escape. If your phone contract has ended, switch to a SIM-only deal, saving up to £40 a month. Do it now to save £80 by October half-term, and £160 before Xmas.

The cheapest dual fuel fixed deal is currently from Fuse Energy, according to Comparethemarket, at £1,531 per year for an average household – £132 cheaper than the current energy price cap and £192 below the October price cap.

Switch and you could cash in on £27 of savings before October half-term, and £59 before Christmas.



THIS WEEK...IF YOU *DO JUST ONE THING*

GET ENERGY CASH BACK

YOU could be missing out on hundreds of pounds by not claiming cash back from your energy supplier.

Around 27,000 people disputed their energy bill with the Energy Ombudsman in the six months to the end of June.

Typically, energy balances build up over the summer as you use less heating and electricity during the warmer months.

Research by Uswitch found around 16million households had credit left on their energy accounts after winter.

Some 12 per cent had balances of more than £300, while four per cent had over £500. Before you request a refund, submit a meter reading to make sure your balance is up to date.

But before you race to reclaim your cash, consider whether you will need the extra credit this winter.

From October, the average energy bill is set to rise by £60, to £1,723 a year. And bills are set to rise by another nine per cent in January, according to Cornwall Insight.

Use an account balance forecast to make sure you are paying enough to keep up with your winter bills.

OLIVIA TOMLINSON

Ask ADELE

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DOUBLE TROUBLE OVER NATIONAL TRUST TRIP

Q IN May I visited Cragside House, a National Trust property in Northumberland.

When I used my card to buy tickets, I was told that the payment had failed, so I tried again.

We had a lovely day out but a few days later, I noticed two payments on my credit card statement for £54 each.

I contacted the National Trust and Cragside House and was promised an urgent refund.

But after lots of chasing, I've still not received my refund two weeks later.

We're pensioners and this is a lot of money to us. Can you help?

KENNY DAVIS

A With the cost of living so high at the moment, every penny really counts.

You thought you'd treat yourself to a day out and, at £27 each, the National Trust tickets weren't cheap to begin with.

So you were horrified to discover that you had been charged twice for your visit to Cragside House – leaving you £54 out of pocket.

You did the right thing by complaining to the National Trust, but after more than two weeks it had still not coughed up your refund. I contacted the National Trust to ask what the delay was.

Its team apologised for the problem – which it said was due to a glitch with the card machine – but that has now been fixed.

Your refund has been processed and the £54 is back in your account. If you're charged for a transaction more than once, you should contact the company directly and ask for a refund.

If you have spoken to them and you're not happy with the outcome, then you can contact your bank and get the cash back using chargeback.

Chargeback allows you to challenge and reclaim payments made using your debit or credit card.

There's no minimum value you can claim for – so you can use chargeback when any transaction goes wrong.

But you typically have 120 days from the transaction date to make a claim, so you need to act quickly.

Speak to your bank as soon as you spot a problem as the clock may already be ticking.

Make sure you submit details of the transaction, proof of purchase and evidence to show why the company is at fault.

money saver

AFTER splurging on Botox, filler and clothes, Sarah Outtridge's spending spiralled out of control, leaving her £35,000 in debt.

But thanks to the snowball method, she hope to be debt-free by the end of 2027.

Sarah, 31, from Hackney, East London, earns £31,800 a year as a midwife. But she's been in debt since she was 18, after buying big ticket items impulsively – including a £7,500 Fiat 500 car on finance.

Sarah also splashed £18,000 on a boob job, lip filler, Botox, skin treatments and laser hair removal, plus £4,500 on courses in aesthetics and property, in the hope she could set up some side-hustles.

Meanwhile, she racked up £1,000 using Buy Now, Pay Later shopping offers for clothes. But after realising she owed £34,856.67, Sarah started using the snowball method to clear her debt.

This is where you pay off your smallest debts first, then work up to larger one.

"I thought it was more manageable to start with a smaller amount," Sarah says.

She also started picking up two extra midwifery shifts a week to boost her income to £4,000 a month.

Now at least £2,000 of it goes towards paying off her debts.

Sarah, who took out a £10,000 Tesco loan to fund a tummy tuck, also decided to cancel the op and use the money to clear her Monzo credit card debt instead. So far, she's cleared a total of £12,400.

"I feel so motivated every time I pay a bit more towards my loans," she said.

EMILY PHILLIPS

FLIGHT COMPO

was operated by its sister company, Air France – so it fell under EU laws.

You can claim this compensation even if the airline puts you on another flight at no extra cost.

In my case, my flight from Bogota to Atlanta was so late that I would've missed my connecting flight to London.

I spoke to Delta's customer service team at the airport and they switched me on to a direct flight to London.

I kept screenshots of my Uber bookings, as well as my dinner receipt. Then I gathered evidence of the time my flight was meant to depart and the time I actually left.

Next, I filled out a form on Delta's website, explaining what extras I had paid for and providing evidence.

I kept my cool and the airline agreed to reimburse me and send compensation. Now I'm hundreds of pounds richer – and it only took ten minutes.

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3 MORE PAGES

A NEW sleeper train will connect Brussels and Amsterdam to the Scandinavian hot spots of Copenhagen and Malmö.

The joint venture between European Sleeper and German railway operator RDC hopes to begin operating from April 2028 with a mixture of seats, couchettes (seats that convert into bunk beds) and sleeper compartments.

The new train will mean Brits can travel to Scandinavia by train from London with just one change at Brussels. Although formal plans have not been laid out, it is expected trains will depart from both Brussels and Malmö at around 7pm and arrive at 10am.

EASYJET has just launched holiday packages to two new Croatian hot spots.

Getaways to Opatija and the historic seaside city of Zadar are available to book now for under £800pp for a week.

Opatija is often referred to as Vienna by the Sea, because of its grand 19th-century Habsburg-era architecture.

Travellers can spend seven nights in the town from £896pp, staying at the 5★ Keight Hotel Opatija Curio Collection by Hilton on a B&B basis and including flights from the UK.

The hotel, which overlooks the glamorous Kvarner Bay, features a rooftop terrace, infinity pool, sundeck and cocktail bar.

Those who would prefer to wander the Roman ruins and Venetian walls of Zadar can spend seven nights' B&B at the 4★ Falkensteiner Hotel Adriana from £784pp including flights.

The adults-only hotel has live cooking demonstrations, themed food evenings, wine tastings and garden picnic experiences.

See easyjet.com/en/holidays.

COCOON . . . hotel room

ZEDWELL
Tottenham Court Road, Central London

WHAT'S IT LIKE? Unusual in that the entire place is below ground. Calling itself a "peaceful underground sanctuary" it is in a great location, just steps from Tottenham Court Road Tube station.

check in... check it out

ROOMS ANY GOOD? None of the rooms have windows, so it might not be for everyone. But they are cocoon-like with cosy yellow lighting and a double bed, shower and toilet with complimentary towels and toiletries.

Don't expect a TV but there is wifi if you want to stream anything on your own device.

Soundproofed walls lean into the mood-calming environment. I could still hear the Underground trains every now and then but that did not stop me having one of the best night's sleep of my life.

EAT HERE OR GRAB A PIZZA? The no-frills hotel only has vending machines for snacks. But a short walk away there is 20 per cent off for guests at the VQ Bloomsbury – a 24-hour restaurant serving everything from breakfast to burgers.

However, being right in the middle of London means you're spoilt for choice when it comes to dining out.

WHAT ELSE? There's an ironing and beauty room at the hotel where you have more space to get ready. Nearby is the Dominion Theatre, currently showing The Devil Wears Prada musical, or the famous Oxford Street shops.

SO YOU'D GO BACK? For one of London's most affordable central stays, you really can't beat it. Especially as it offers a quiet night's sleep in one of the world's busiest cities.

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE? Rooms start from £120 a night. See zedwellhotels.com.

KARA GODFREY

COMPACT . . . bathroom

CASINOS AND CATHEDRALS IN BULGARIAN CAPITAL

HIT THE JACKPOT . . . with views from bedroom, and, *left*, try your luck in hotel casino

SOFIA SO GOOD . . . views over city

GRAND . . . Alexander Nevsky Cathedral

Slots to do in Sofia

EUROPEAN city breaks can easily break the bank.

One museum, two cups of coffee and a short taxi ride in Paris or Rome can have your banking app in the red before you have even considered lunch.

But, in Bulgaria's capital, the grandest sight has a golden dome and a whole day on public transport costs a startlingly low £1.70.

Say "dob r den" (good day in the local lingo) to Sofia, a leafy, lively city, which is a brilliant value getaway still slipping under too many Brits' radar.

I have been all over Europe, the US and the Gulf states and yet when it comes to the deal of the century, there is one country that stands head and shoulders above the rest – and that's budget-friendly Bulgaria.

For proof, the latest Eurostat data showed Bulgaria has the lowest overall consumer prices in the EU, with hotels and restaurants around 48 per cent below the average.

In short, Sofia is a city where your holiday money can stretch almost as far as the eye can see.

Do not mistake the price tag for a lack of star power, though.

The mighty Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, all green copper and glittering gold, has that wow factor.

GO: BULGARIA

GETTING THERE: Ryanair flies from London Stansted to Sofia from £18.99 each way. See ryanair.com.
STAYING THERE: Double rooms at the 5★ Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia are from around £146pp per night. See grandhotelmillenniumsofia.bg.

From there, you can stroll past grand old buildings, pavement cafes and Vitosha Boulevard, which stretches toward the mountain of the same name, rising in the distance like a blockbuster backdrop.

I checked into the magnificent Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia – a luxurious 5★ retreat with 400 rooms and apartments, plus an amazing spa centre, gym and four themed restaurants and a one-of-a-kind Sky Bar, overlooking the city.

All that luxury would set you back upwards of £300 in one of Europe's big-hitting capitals like Paris. But this was less than half that cost.

As part of the hotel complex, there is also a casino, the Palms Royale, which offers classic games such as roulette, poker, blackjack and modern slot machines as well as its own 24-hour restaurant and an upmarket Asian eatery. Casino owner Milo Borissov, who is keen to welcome more British visitors, tells me: "We attract customers from Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

"Over half are weekend tourists who come specifically for the high-class service and games that the casino offers, combined with the restaurants, and the modern hotel accommodation."

If you are out of luck at the casino, all is not lost, for Bulgaria also has some of the lowest prices in Europe for public transport, clothing, food, alcohol (you can still find a beer for about £1.50) and tobacco.

Candlelit calm

So where should you head first? St Petka of the Saddlers is a tiny, single-nave church partly sunk into the ground beside the bigger city sights.

It is so modest you could almost miss it, but make sure you don't.

Standing on the site of an earlier Roman religious building, it preserves murals from several centuries. Duck inside and you can swap traffic noise for candlelit calm in seconds.

After this, head towards the former Central Mineral Baths.

Bring a reusable bottle: a restored marble fountain by the baths delivers warm mineral water from the city's historic springs.

It is the sort of pleasingly simple freebie that makes you feel you have joined the locals, not just ticked off a landmark.

For another bit of time travel, go down to the Serdika area and take a lingering look around.

Roman-era Sofia is not sealed behind a museum door here – archaeological remains including excavated streets and ancient basilicas are right in the heart of town.

The cleverest hidden stop, though, is the Eighties-style Red Flat, on Ivan Denkoglu Street. This is not a dusty museum. It is an interactive, four-room apartment that lets visitors touch, poke about and listen their way through the everyday life of a Bulgarian family in the Communist era. It's an educational eye-opener.

For lunch, skip the obvious international chains and go on a mini food crawl.

Browse the Women's Market for colourful stalls of fruit and veg plus ceramics and souvenirs, then seek out a Bulgarian cafe for home-cooked delicacies, such as banistra (cheese pastry) and kyufte (spiced, grilled minced meat rolls). Then finish off your day with a glass of local wine or coffee in one of the side streets.

In fact, why not stretch to two? With prices this low, you'd be mad not to.

LAURIE STONE

Sun travel

Edited by **LISA MINOT** Follow on

OUR Spotlight On column gives you the lowdown on what to see and do in your favourite holiday hotspots – as well as lesser-known gems. This week, we shine a light on a Florida favourite that's perfect for an autumn break. While close to Miami, it offers a more relaxed experience.

BOCA RATON

GETTING THERE: Just under an hour from Miami via the Brightline train, Boca Raton is an ideal base for travellers looking to blend beachside relaxation with city energy.

MUST SEE/DO: Gumbo Limbo Nature Center invites visitors to explore Boca Raton's coastal ecosystem through nature trails, butterfly gardens and marine conservation exhibits. It is famed for its turtle rehabilitation facility, where you can see rescued loggerhead and green sea turtles gettting nursed back to health. Visit during turtle nesting season, between March and October, when the centre hosts guided night-time turtle walks and seasonal hatchling releases.

HIDDEN GEM: The serene Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens feels a world away from the buzz of the coastline. Spanning 16 acres, the gardens celebrate centuries of Japanese design through tranquil ponds, bonsai collections and carefully curated pathways.

BEST VIEW: The Blue Flag designated Spanish River Park, between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway, offers spectacular sunrise views over the beach and equally beautiful sunset scenes from its shaded walking trails and waterfront areas.

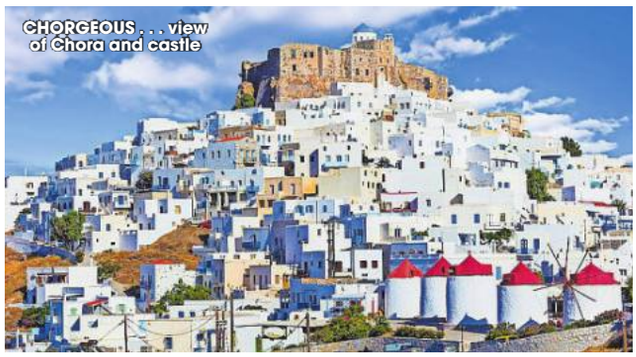
RATED RESTAURANT: Mizner Park, an open-air shopping and dining complex, is all pink-stucco Mediterranean Revival architecture and towering palm trees. Here, Tryst blends classic French bistro charm with an inventive American menu under chef Daniel Dore and dishes range from steak frites to a vegan mushroom lasagna topped with oat milk bechamel. For more relaxed, good-value dining, Tomasso's Pizza and Subs is a neighbourhood institution, and has been serving up New York-style slices and sandwiches for decades. A couple of slices or hot sub is from £7.33.

BEST BAR: American Social in Mizner Park is a fun sports bar that serves modern American cuisine with a twist. It is not only the perfect place to catch a game, but also for an intimate dinner or a night with friends. Beer lovers should head to Biergarten Boca Raton. Tucked into Royal Palm Place, this popular spot has more than 24 beers on taps and dozens of craft bottles as well. With live music and generous happy hour deals, it's a relaxed place to kick back.

HOTEL PICK: Fresh from a £5.4million renovation, the Boca Raton Marriott at Boca Center is close to Mizner Park and an ideal base for discovering the area. There's a gorgeous outdoor pool and you can pick up a cocktail or two at the Drift bar. Rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows and a calm, neutral palette with splashes of marine blue. Stays are from £125 a night. See marriott.com.

SOCIAL HUB . . . Mizner Park

ASTYPALEA IS IDYLLIC AEGEAN HOT SPOT



CHORGEOUS . . . view of Chora and castle

DIP IN . . . pool at Arhitektoniki studios

ELECTRIC . . . most island cars are eco-friendly

The stunning Greek isle that is blue, white ...and green

WHAT if there were a destination as beautiful as Santorini or Mykonos without the crowds and sky-high prices?

Whisper it, but the tiny butterfly-shaped Aegean island of Astypalea could be Greece's best-kept secret.

It has white-walled, blue-domed churches, idyllic beaches with turquoise coves and spectacular sunsets that paint the sky in shades of gold, pink and orange.

Chora, the capital, is perched on a conical hilltop overlooking the bay. At the top sits a Venetian castle, surrounded by sugar cube houses which cascade down the hillside.

Its eight red-roofed windmills evoke the vibe of Mykonos. Yet, unlike its more popular neighbours, you'll find yourself admiring the views in blissful peace.

And you can enjoy a trip around the historic citadel and a seafood dinner on the coast for less than the price of a cocktail on the more popular islands.

We took a British Airways flight to Kos before catching a ferry, which whisked us to Astypalea in under two hours.

The best way to arrive on any Greek island is by sea and our first close-up glimpse of this one left us spellbound.

As it emerged from the shimmering sea, it instantly rekindled awe-inspiring memories of our first visit to Santorini on our honeymoon, more than four decades ago – before the crowds arrived.

Which is probably why you shouldn't leave it too long before you visit Astypalea.

It's cheap and easy to get around, and with no giant cruise ship crowds pouring on to the streets, sometimes it feels like you have the place to yourself.

We stayed at the Arhitektoniki studios, which cling to the side of a cliff a short drive from Chora. The well-equipped rooms combine traditional island charm and simplicity with a luxurious modern touch.

There's a kidney-shaped swimming pool and a sun terrace overlooking the bay with spectacular views of the citadel. It's a pleasant ten-minute walk from here to Livadi beach, with a row of lively beach restaurants, bars and shops.

Astypalea has become a model for sustainability after the municipality and the Greek government teamed up with Volkswagen to develop a unique climate-neutral transport system.

All the hire cars are electric and there are charging points everywhere. All power comes from solar and wind generation.

If you don't want to drive, just use the Astymove app to book an Astybus – an on-demand electric minibus service which will pick you up within 15 minutes and take you to your destination for just three euros.

It's not just the transport that's eco-Greco, the restaurants are, too.

We were served a delicious meal at Ducato di Astypalea, which ensures all its ingredients are sustainably sourced and prices remain refreshingly reasonable.

Be sure to try the delicious Asty pasta. At Aiolos Pizza we enjoyed the thick, homemade spaghetti, incorporated into the island's cuisine when it was part of Mussolini's Mediterranean empire. It's best eaten with rosto – slow-cooked pork or lamb.

There's no better way to work off lunch than meandering through Chora's narrow, stone-stepped streets towards the castle to enjoy the view from the top. Close by is the

GO: ASTYPALEA

GETTING THERE: British Airways flies direct to Kos from Gatwick daily from May to October. Flights start from £80 each way. See britishairways.com. Ferry from Kos to Astypalea from £22.50 with Dodekanisos Seaways. See 12ne.gr/en/booking. Ferry from Astypalea to Naxos from £15.50 with Blue Star. See bluestarferries.com/en-gb.

STAYING THERE: Double room with breakfast at Arhitektoniki Studios and Apartments, Livadi from £56 per night. Visit arhitektoniki.gr. Double room with breakfast at the Princess Mare Hotel, Naxos is from £60 per night. See princessmare.com.gr/en.

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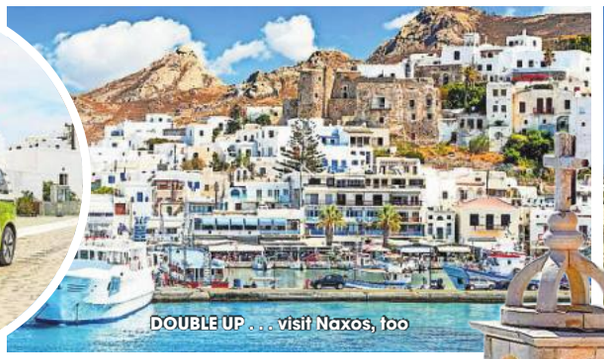
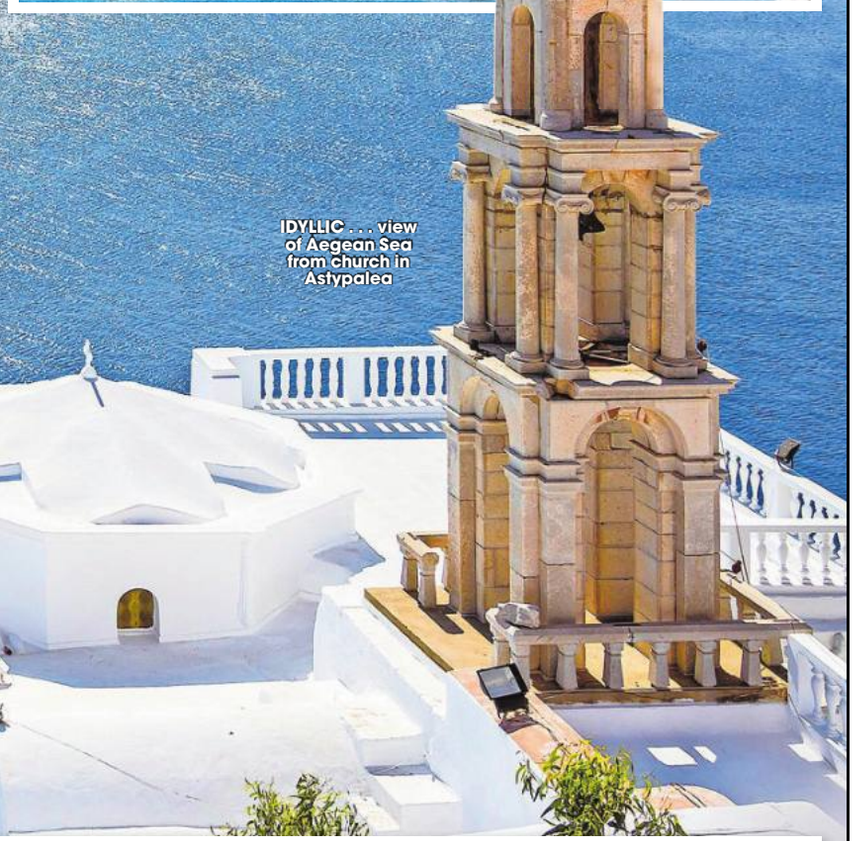


DOUBLE UP . . . visit Naxos, too

SOAKING UP SIGHTS . . . Dave enjoys his own Greek odyssey



IDYLLIC . . . view of Aegean Sea from church in Astypalea

blue-domed church of Panagia Portaitissa, built in 1762 and the spiritual centre of the island. Maltezana, named after the Maltese pirates who once wreaked havoc here, is just five miles from Chora – ideal for a day trip.

It features a beautiful sandy beach, some fine fish tavernas and some recently excavated Roman baths.

It's also worth a trip to Vathi on the northeastern side of the island. Close by is the Cave of Drakos, which is adorned with stalactites and stalagmites of many colours and was once used by marauding pirates to hide their treasure.

Spectacular views

If two weeks of peace and quiet are too much, you can easily hop to a more lively island for a contrast.

We opted for Naxos, the largest island of the Cyclades, four hours away by ferry.

The first thing you see as you dock is the Portara – a colossal marble doorway which is all that is left of the Temple to Apollo, built in 530BC.

The seafront bustles with restaurants and shops and has a vibrant nightlife.

The best place to stay is on the south side of Naxos town. Princess Mare Hotel is less than a two-minute walk from sandy St George's beach and barely ten minutes to the seafront restaurants and ferry terminal.

Naxos is famed for its marble and many famous artworks and buildings – including parts of the Acropolis in Athens – are made from it. Try exploring one or two picture-postcard mountain villages. Aperathos and Chalki have pretty shops to explore and tavernas with spectacular views.

Naxos Bus Transfer does a full-day island highlights tour, which includes a stop for lunch. It also takes in the statue of Apollo – though modern historians argue it is Dionysus – at Kouros.

It is 35ft long, weighs 80 tons and hasn't moved in 2,000 years, either because it was too heavy or somebody didn't pay the bill.

It's only a two-minute drive from here to Apollonas beach, ideal for a swim or to relax in one of the shaded beach tavernas.

Before you leave Naxos town, be sure to explore the streets leading up to the 13th-century castle. It's a beautiful, labyrinth-like maze of historic, cobblestone and marble-paved alleys originally designed to confuse invading pirates.

As well as blooming bougainvillea, stray cats, art galleries, boutiques and tiny, centuries-old stone chapels, there's a little museum at the top with a lovely rooftop bar.

After cramming so much into our three days in Naxos, it was good to return to the slower pace of life in our newfound hideaway, Astypalea

But secrets such as this rarely stay hidden forever. So whatever you do, don't tell too many people . . .

DAVE WOODING

WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS

HOLIDAYMAKERS are being told to stay vigilant amid a surge in scams.

While the summer holiday rush may be over, fraudsters are still cashing in on autumn and Christmas breaks, according to Experian.

The credit check company is urging customers to double check URLs before booking a holiday online and pay close attention to spelling errors on the website.

Other tips to avoid scammers include avoiding sites that urge you to pay quickly, ones that ask for bank transfers or others that ask for photocopies of your passport.

Experian recommends paying on credit card to ensure your finances are better protected under Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act.

John Webb, head of consumer affairs at Experian, said: "When you're desperately trying to secure a last-minute family break, it's natural to drop your guard.

"The pressure to act quickly means travellers could be tricked into handing over sensitive information, like a photo of their passport, to an unverified host, or bank details to a cloned website.

"Getting caught out by a fraudulent booking doesn't just mean a ruined holiday – handing over personal data can lead to identity fraud."

lates

CYPRUS: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 3★ Antigoni Hotel, Paphos, is from £776pp including flights from Gatwick on September 9. See easyjet.com.

HEREFORDSHIRE: Four nights' self-catering at Bearwood Cottage near Pembridge is £456 arriving Sept 7. Sleeps five. See cotswoldshideaways.co.uk.

IBIZA: Seven nights' self-catering at the 3★ Playa Bella Apartments, San Antonio Bay, is from £519pp including flights from Bournemouth on September 20. See jet2holidays.com.

YORKSHIRE: Three nights' half-board at Warner Hotels' Nidd Hall in North Yorks is from £299pp, arriving October 30. Price includes entertainment and activities. To book, see warnerhotels.co.uk.

TIDY STAY AT BRYN'S

FANS of Gavin & Stacey can now see "what's occurrin?" for themselves in the town of Barry.

The fictional Uncle Bryn's house is now bookable on Airbnb, giving lovers of the hit comedy show the chance to get a sneak peek behind the scenes.

Aptly-named "Gone Fishin'" (you'll need to be a fan to get that joke), the home is laid out exactly as it was in the show. Guests can even work out in the upstairs gym where Bryn and Smithy worked up a sweat.

The house sits a short distance from Barry's seafront and familiar filming locations.

Stays at the two-bedroom home, which sleeps up to six, start from £500 for a minimum of two nights. See airbnb.co.uk.

ON A ROLL . . boys try making some pasta sheets

PASTA MAKES GREAT KIDS' HOL PASTIME

DURING the school holidays I am a fan of making life as easy as possible.

So teaching my children to cook seems a major win, especially when it doubles as a fun day out.

I took my sons Henry and Nicholas, to a brilliant kids' pasta making class at the Jamie Oliver Cookery School.

There are two London locations offering lessons for all ages and abilities, including joint parent-kid sessions – perfect for the summer break or weekends.

Our class was inside John Lewis' flagship department store on Oxford Street, in a big, bright teaching kitchen.

Our instructor was Holly, who studied at culinary school, has written cookbooks and worked as a private chef.

Holly explained what was on the menu and took us through the first part of the process – making our pasta dough. It's a great one for kids as the mixing and kneading allows them to get stuck in.

Standing in the flash kitchen with our ingredients laid out before us made us feel like we were on a cookery show.

The task does involve some skill, but no real prior expertise or fiddly equipment or techniques.

Holly and her assistant chef Robin circled the room and helped when needed, but gave the young cooks plenty of space to learn and explore for themselves.

Then, as our glistening, golden balls of dough 'rested' on our work benches, Holly brought everyone back together to explain how to whip up a quick tomato, basil and garlic sauce.

It was a new one on me, too, as I didn't know you could make a delicious pasta dressing with just raw tomatoes and a grater – no cooking or chopping needed.

Then, while our sauce marinated, it was on to the rolling.

The kids loved it, and got the hang of the technique instantly, using the machine to gradually fashion a thinner and thinner dough.

Holly then showed the class how to use cutting tools to fashion tagliatelle, angel hair and farfalle (or 'bow-tie pasta', as we call them in our house).

The kids worked with care and precision to get their shapes spot-on and were delighted to see their tagliatelle appear like magic from the machine.

It was almost like grown-up Play-Doh!

The final step was to boil the pasta before stirring it into the pre-prepared sauce.

Clutching their steaming bowls of lovingly made pasta, the class wandered to the trestle tables in the cookery school's dining room to enjoy lunch with lashings of grated parmesan.

Verdict from all the children: Delicious.

And for parents, what better way to spend a school holiday morning?

The only drawback for me has been that I am now being nagged to buy a pasta machine!

If you're not a big fan of pasta, there are also classes in meatball-making, Mexican street food, sushi, ravioli, Thai green curry and bread.

At this rate, I won't have to worry about cooking in the holidays ever again.

That seems like money well spent to me.

CAROLINE IGGULDEN

BELLA PASTA . . . Nicholas tucks in

GO: An adult and child cooking class costs £75pp. See jamieolivercookery school.com.

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news

YOU can now spend a week in the home that inspired Agatha Christie's famous crime novels – but how anyone can afford to stay there is the real mystery!

The 11-bedroom High Peak Manor costs a whopping £7,350 for three nights, although it does boast its own on-site pub.

Alongside four grand lounges, there is also a proper country kitchen with a working Aga, a Medieval oak-framed Great Hall designed for banquets and seven lavish bathrooms.

The 14th Century property, which is hidden away in the Peak District, is set within 30 acres of private grounds.

It once belonged to Christie's brother-in-law and was frequently visited by the author herself – and it's not hard to see how the house inspired her.

The entire place is packed full of character and feels like it's come straight from the pages of a crime novel, with its sandstone walls and stained-glass windows.

It sleeps 26 guests in total, and can be booked online at bighouse experience.com.

WRITER'S CAMP . . . High Peak Manor

KOREAN Air is giving away FREE hotel stays in Seoul to eligible passengers flying its new Australia route.

The service from Seoul to Melbourne means Brits can travel via South Korea to Australia – and anyone who isn't able to bag a same-day connection will be given a free hotel stopover.

The new route will operate from December 18 this year, three times a week through to March 14. See koreanair.com.

THE number of Brits heading abroad reached a record high this spring, despite holiday and flight cancellations to the Middle East.

Civil Aviation Authority data revealed more than 81 million passengers passed through UK airports between April and June – more than the same time last year.

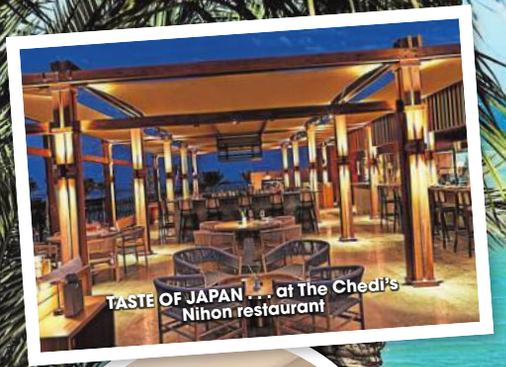
European sunshine spots were shown to be popular, with Spanish city breaks to Madrid and Barcelona both up on the previous year.

Visitors to Madrid went up 15 per cent, while passenger numbers to Barcelona rose by 11 per cent.

The airports which saw the largest increase in traveller numbers were Cardiff (16 per cent), Newcastle (eight per cent) and Inverness (eight per cent).

TRY THE LUXE HOTELS IN EGYPT'S EL GOUNA RESORT

Power of the Chedi nights...



TASTE OF JAPAN . . . at The Chedi's Nihon restaurant

PLUSH . . . suite at The Chedi

SAFARI, SO GOOD . . . head off on a Saharan adventure

GOUNA LOVE IT . . . sand shore and palm trees

JOIN THE CLUB . . . The Cook's Club hotel's pool

HOW does quad-biking through the wild Sahara desert sound, or dolphin-spotting at sunset?

Or perhaps you are more of a lavish spa dweller, who dreams of whiling away your holiday hours on a massage bed being gently pummelled by hot stones?

In the millionaire's playground of El Gouna, you can do all this and more.

And best of all, here you can live the champagne lifestyle on a lemonade budget.

El Gouna, around 25 miles from Egypt's Hurghada airport, literally translates as The Lagoon – and it's not hard to see why.

The luxury town is made up of 36 islands with more than six miles of scenic coastline and lagoons interwoven throughout.

There's so much water surrounding the gorgeous hotels that some visitors have even compared it to the Maldives.

But it's much more vast and far less isolated.

With four marinas, over 100 shops and restaurants, two championship golf courses and 18 international hotel resorts and chains, it's impossible to get bored here.

And the town is still expanding at a rapid rate.

El Gouna only came into existence in the 1980s when billionaire entrepreneur Samih Sawiris decided to transform what was then just a vast area of desert into an area his family and friends could enjoy. Fast-forward to today and the peaceful spot is the perfect winter sun escape for Brits.

It's just a short five-hour or so flight from the UK and even in January, temperatures hit 23C.

El Gouna, just a 30-minute drive from Hurghada and with security checks at the town's few entrances, is also one of the safest destinations in Egypt for tourists.

Entry is only granted for hotel guests, staff and visitors with dinner reservations, so you can stroll back to your hotel in safety.

Action-packed activities

You can take your pick of luxury hotels within the gates – although the highlight for me was The Chedi.

This 5★ luxury resort has its own private beach, luxurious spa and multiple restaurants – including Japanese eatery, Nihon – among its 82 suites and rooms.

A short walk from the lobby will take you to various idyllic sunbathing spots, with the beach just steps away from the pools.

And if you get restless on a sunbed, The Chedi has paddleboards and kayaks for guests to take into the Red Sea, as well as fun beach games like volleyball.

The luxurious rooms come with an affordable price tag compared to similar 5★ hotels in Europe, if you'd rather save those pennies to splurge on excursions, check in to the 4★ Cook's Club instead.

While it doesn't quite match The Chedi in terms of room size, it certainly has the monopoly on water space with a huge pool and beach area offering direct access to its own private lagoon.

Regular live music poolside caters for the younger crowd of 18 to 30-somethings, but if you prefer an even livelier atmosphere, El Gouna's town centre is right on your doorstep.

The hotel's hearty breakfast buffet – which includes an omelette station – has enough grub to soak up any hangover, plus the baristas here can whip up an excellent brew.

But it's well worth pottering into town when you get the chance.

The newest restaurant, La Botanica, has a farm-to-table concept serving elegant dishes of beef carpaccio and lobster. If it's the wow factor you're after though, head to The Steigenberger Tower where you can soak up 360-degree views of the resort.

Everything looks especially gorgeous at sunset.

And when you're not indulging in fancy food or a five-star massage, the list of action-packed activities are endless.

Alex Safaris does an incredible quad-biking excursion that will send you hurtling over dunes to a traditional Bedouin camp.

Here, visitors can dabble in shisha and other traditional experiences.

And if you've always dreamed of spotting wild dolphins, they're in abundance here and you'll be spoilt for choice with boat tours.

Apparently, El Gouna's unofficial motto is: "You'll never want to leave."

And with such affordable prices and so much to see and do, I can't help but agree.

JAMIE PHILLIPS

GO: EL GOUNA

GETTING THERE: easyJet flies from London Luton, London Gatwick, Birmingham and other UK airports from £121.99 each way. See easyjet.com.

STAYING THERE: Rooms with breakfast at Cook's Club El Gouna cost from £143 per night in November. See cooksclub.com. Stays at The Chedi El Gouna cost from £384 in November. Thechedielgouna.com.

OUT & ABOUT: A desert quad-biking excursion costs from £57pp. See alexsafarielgouna.com. A dolphin catamaran trip is from £56pp. Book at elgouna.com.

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Sun gardening

By Veronica Lorraine

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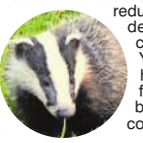
SAVE! AUTUMN is a busy time for pruning. Burgon and Ball's FloraBrite bypass secateurs, *left*, are £23 from B&Q, while Screwfix is selling a similar Stihl PG10 pair, *right*, for £12.99.

WIN! WE'VE got two Keter Darwin Garden Bed Pro-Green raised beds worth £109.99 each to give away, thanks to Robert Dyas. To be in with a chance of winning, visit **thesun.co.uk/DARWIN** or write to Sun Darwin Bed competition, PO Box 3190, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8GP. Include your name, age, email or phone. UK residents 18+ only. Entries close 11.59pm on September 12, 2026. T&Cs apply.

LEARN! **Q I LOVE my garden, but so does a family of badgers who dig up the lawn. I've put netting down, but they just dig fresh holes elsewhere.**
Mrs C, Kent



A Treat your lawn with Nemasys biological nematodes to eliminate their food source of grubs and worms. Keep the soil moist so they work effectively. Aerate the lawn to reduce moisture, or scatter strong deterrents like chilli flakes or citronella around the borders. You could also install a high-quality, motion-activated flashing ultrasonic device – but the good ones don't come cheap.

PLANT autumn veg and spring bulbs. Harvest ripe apples, tomatoes and potatoes. Revitalise lawns by sowing seed or laying turf in warm soil.

This week's **JOB**

RUBY CAN PROVIDE CARPET

EVEN in normal summers our gardens can look tired as autumn arrives.

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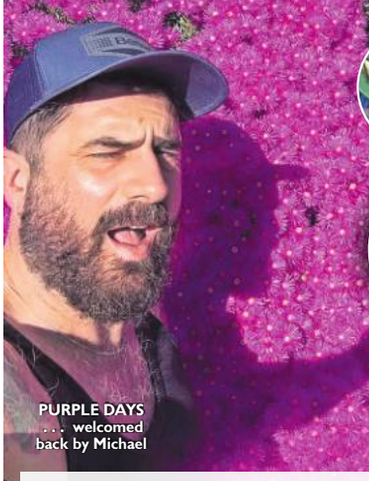

PURPLE DAYS . . . welcomed back by Michael

Choose hues

THE Eighties are back in more ways than you'd think.

By MICHAEL PERRY aka Mr Plant Geek

In our gardens, people are returning to nostalgic, vibrant colours and bedding plants are now fashionable again.

A lot of the plants we grow are led by happy memories of the past.

If you think about your gran's beds and borders, you can imagine reds, yellows, purples – all the colours of the rainbow.

Yet we have become snobby about colour.

Recently there was an article saying yellow was back on trend, as garden designers come round to the idea of giving it another look. Well, yellow has always been in my gardening playbook.

At Sandringham Flower Show this year, there was an excellent garden designed by Kitti Kovacs for QVC, and the overarching theme was nostalgia.

It was full of the plants you remember: Snapdragons, coreopsis, cannas, red hydrangea and others that have fallen by the wayside. It was one of the busiest gardens, with people oohing and aahing over it. It was full of colour clashes and colour blends. It looked like an explosion in a paint factory, and I loved it.

This season, the RHS is running its Award of Garden Merit trials, and they have two specimens: The snapdragons, or Antirrhinum, and Celosia. Boy, are these full of colour, particularly the Celosia. It's like a flower bed planted with highlighter pens!

When choosing bedding plants, there's the Big Four: Busy Lizzies, geraniums, begonias and petunias.

They are great because they can flower for four to five months of the year, and many are fantastic for pollinators. For sunny borders you would place geraniums, bidens and osteospermum, and for shade opt for fuchsias and Busy Lizzies.

Your local park is the best place for inspiration. Low ground-hugging bedding also keeps weeds at bay.

The more plants you plant, the more you cover the soil, keeping it moist during drier periods too. Bedding is an all-round winner!

IT'S SOW FESTIVE

IF you want home-grown veggies for Christmas dinner, now's the time to start growing them.

British Garden Centres recommend sowing quick-cropping seed potatoes and short-rooted carrots in deep containers this month.

Brussels sprouts, cabbage and leeks can be put into large pots and any frost should sweeten the sprouts. Buy a potted sage plant for stuffing, and pick cranberries by mid-October for home-made sauce.

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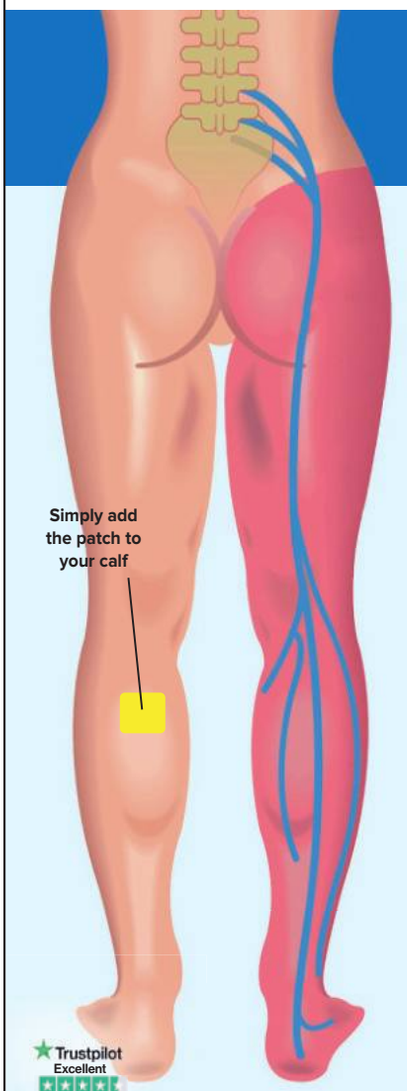

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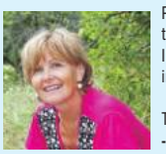

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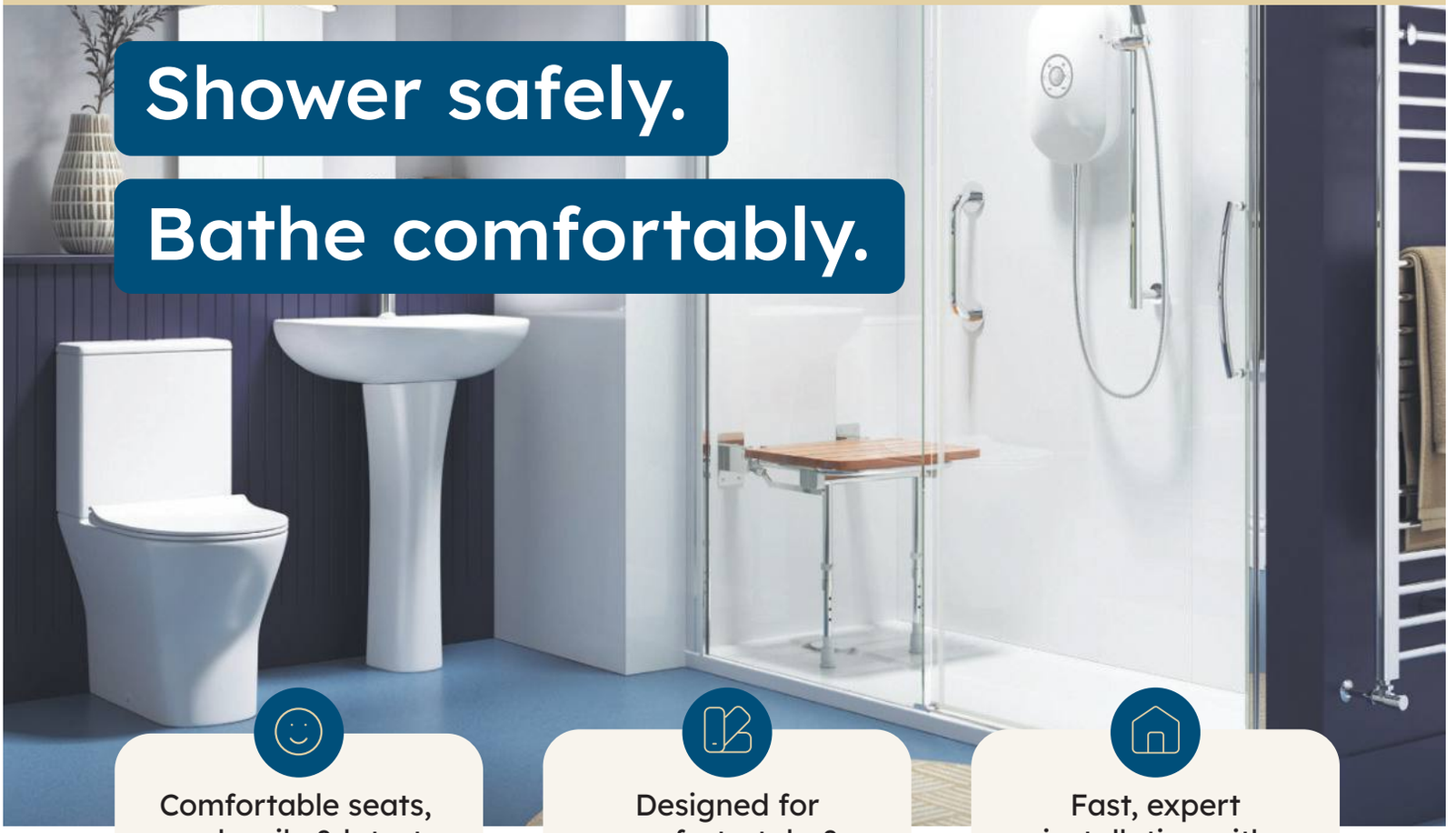

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Smith sets up Shield decider

CAMERON SMITH blew apart Saints' play-off bid as Leeds went back to the top — and made next week massive.

By GARY CARTER

The Rhinos' loose forward stepped past three tacklers and slid over for a 35-metre special in their 34-6 win.

St Helens face missing out on the finals for the first time in Super League history as the Rhinos set up a League Leaders' Shield-decider with Wigan next Saturday.

Jake Connor sent Chris Hankinson crashing through and after Smith's stunner, Harry Newman dived over at the corner – with his taunts to Saints fans repaid with interest.

Ryan Hall extended Rhinos' 18-0 half-time lead before Jack Welsby's 60m reply got the hosts on the scoreboard.

Connor's kick was touched down by Ash Handley before Brodie Croft's score and his fifth goal sent home fans scrambling for the exit.

Saints have fifth-placed **LEIGH**, who lost 30-18 at **HUDDERSFIELD**, and sixth-placed Hull KR to play.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

PREMIER LEAGUE

CRYSTAL PAL (0)1 MAN CITY (1) 4
Donnarumma 56 (og) Haaland 17, 84
Cherki 54, 59

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

WREXHAM (0) 1 BIRMINGHAM (1)2
Doyle 54 Neumann 13, 63

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP - Dunfermline 1 Raith 0.

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO - Edinburgh City 1 Forfar 1.

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL - AFC Fylde 2 Forest Green 0, Aldershot 3 Harrogate Town 1, Altrincham 2 FC Halifax 1, Barrow 1 Yeovil 2, Gateshead 0 Sutton Utd 1, Hartlepool 0 Eastleigh 1, Hornchurch 1 Woking 0, Scunthorpe 3 Solihull Moors 1, Southend 1 Kidderminster 3, Tamworth 3 Worthing 2, Wealdstone 1 Carlisle 1.

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Hednesford Town 2 Harborough Town 1, Morecambe 2 AFC Telford 1, Oxford City 2 Buxton 3.

THE PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER - Ashton Utd 1 Gainsborough Trinity 2, Cleethorpes Town 1 Curzon Ashton 3, Guiseley 1 Lancaster City 2.

THE PITCHING IN SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Peterborough Sports 2 Anstey Nomads 1.

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN PREMIER - Burgess Hill Town 2 Dartford 1.

WELSH PREMIER - Barry Town United 4 Airbus UK Broughton 2, Cardiff Met Uni 3 Briton Ferry 0, Connah's Quay Nomads 3 Cambrian United 0, Holywell Town 3 Caernarfon Town 5, Llandudno 2 Haverfordwest County 0, Penybont 1 Flint Town United 0, The New Saints FC 5 Colwyn Bay 1, Trefelin BGC 1 Ammanford 1.

BUNDESLIGA - Bayern Munich 5 Stuttgart 1.

LIGUE 1 - Lille 2 PSG 2.

LA LIGA - Alaves L Villarreal L, Racing Santander 3 Elche 2.

SERIE A - AC Milan 2 Venezia 0.

EREDIVISIE - Groningen 2 Fortuna Sittard 3.

CRICKET

SECOND TEST
England v Pakistan
Lord's (day 2 close): England 290 (66.4 overs; J L Smith 61, J M Cox 55; Mohammad Abbas 4-73), and 81-3 (22.0 overs) Pakistan 110 (37.2 overs; O E Robinson 4-11).

ROTHESAY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION ONE
Essex v Surrey
Chelmsford: Surrey 183 (53.2 overs), and 51-4 (21.3 overs) Essex 279 (85.0 overs; D Elgar 113; R D Chahar 6-80).
Glamorgan v Hampshire
Sophia Gardens: Hampshire 162 (40.2 overs; J S Lehmann 51no). Glamorgan 149-9 (57.0 overs; B I Kellaway 57).
Sussex v Somerset
Hove: Somerset 202 (58.0 overs; T B Abell 72, C Overton 54; H T Crocombe 5-56), and 167-2 (50.0 overs; T A Lammonby 74no) Sussex 250 (69.4 overs; T G R Clark 85, J A Simpson 64no; C Overton 4-66).
Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire
Edgbaston: Nottinghamshire 299-7 (82.0 overs; J M Clarke 146no, B J R Martindale 55).
Yorkshire v Leicestershire
Scarborough: Yorkshire 263 (76.4 overs; J H Wharton 70, G C H Hill 62). Leicestershire 12-0 (3.4 overs).

DIVISION TWO
Derbyshire v Middlesex
Derby: Derbyshire 79-3 (32.3 overs).
Durham v Gloucestershire
Riverside: Gloucestershire 137 (42.0 overs; J R Bracey 60; K L Aldridge 5-16). Durham 331-8 (78.0 overs; D G Bedingham 122).
Northamptonshire v Kent
Northampton: Kent 345 (91.3 overs; Z Crawley 89, D J Bell-Drummond 70, B G Compton 53). Northants 74-0 (22.3 overs).
Worcestershire v Lancashire
New Road: Lancashire 180 (61.2 overs; K K Jennings 55; B Swanepoel 4-37). Worcestershire 12-1 (6.0 overs).

CYCLING

LA VUELTA: Stage 7 (Vall d'Albato to Armamon Valdelinares, 149.9km) - 1 A Leknessund (Nor) Uno-X Mobility 3h 49m 47s, 8 E Dunbar (Ire) Pinarello-Q36.5 Pro Cycling Team +1m 51s, 16 F Pickering (GB) Team Jayco-AlUla +3:24, 24 O Onley (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team +4:52. **Overall** - 1 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 19h 32m 37s, 2 E Mas (Spa) Movistar Team +3m 50s, 3 P Roglic (Slo) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +4:50, 6 Onley +6:06, 17 Pickering +14:54. **Today, stage 8** (Puçol to Xeraco, 171km).

GOLF

HUSQVARNA BRITISH MASTERS (Sutton Coldfield): **1st Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) - **65** I Elvira (Spa), **66** M Jordan, D Bryant (USA), **67** S Norris (Rsa), E Ferguson, J Luiten (Hol), J Dean, J Skov Olesen (Den), **68** R Paratore (Ita), Y Premlall (Rsa), D Na.
KPMG WOMEN'S IRISH OPEN (Dublin): **2nd Rnd** (US unless stated) - **129** C Alexander (Rsa) 63 66, **134** S Kouskova (Cze) 68 66, B Navarrosa (USA) 69 65, **135** C Viden (Swe) 70 65, L Rydqvist (Swe) 68 67.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

HUDDSFIELD(14) **30 LEIGH** (6) **18**
Huddsfield - Tries: Rushton, Milne, Evalds, Geyer (2). Goals: Flanagan (4), Zenon.
Leigh - Tries: Trout, Hanley, Mulhern. Goals: Cook (3).

ST HELENS (0) **6 LEEDS** (18) **34**
St Helens - Tries: Welsby. Goals: Sailor.
Leeds - Tries: Hankinson, C. Smith, Newman, Hall, Handley, Croft. Goals: Connor (5).

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Leeds	25	20	0	5	884	368	40
Wigan	25	20	0	5	761	419	40
Warrington	24	18	0	6	666	412	36
Wakefield	24	16	0	8	637	448	32
Leigh	25	16	0	9	588	468	32
Hull K R	25	15	0	10	700	461	30
St Helens	25	14	0	11	590	554	28
Catalans	24	9	0	15	475	718	18
Toulouse	24	8	0	16	492	630	16
Castleford	24	8	0	16	420	752	16
Hull	24	7	0	17	426	525	14
Huddsfield	25	7	0	18	455	713	14
York	24	7	0	17	470	731	14
Bradford	24	6	0	18	402	767	12

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE - St Helens 18 York Valkyrie 28.

SNOOKER

WST WUHAN OPEN (China): **Semi-finals** - X Zhao (Chn) bt G Xiao (Chn) 6-2; B Chang (Chn) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng) 6-3.

SPEEDWAY

CAB DIRECT CHAMPIONSHIP - Redcar 51 Glasgow 39 (Redcar win aggregate point), Scunthorpe 61 Edinburgh 29 (Scunthorpe win aggregate point).

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York): **Qualifying final Rnd, Men** - J Rodionov (Aut) bt J Fearnley (GB) 4-6 6-4 6-4; H Wendelken (GB) bt V Gaubas (Ltu) 6-7 (3-7) 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (10-5). **Women:** H Dart (GB) bt H Watson (GB) 2-6 6-4 6-1; F Jones (GB) bt J Garland (Tai) 6-4 6-1.

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET
Second Test Match—day 3 of 5: England v Pakistan (Lord's, 11am).
Second Twenty20 International: South Africa v Zimbabwe (Windhoek, 1pm).
County Championship (day 3, 11am).
GOLF (all weekend)
Husqvarna British Masters (The Belfry Hotel & Resort, Sutton Coldfield).
USPGA Tour Championship (Atlanta).
LIV Golf Michigan (The Cardinal at Saint John's).
LPGA FM Championship (TPC Boston, Norton, Massachusetts,).
KPMG Women's Irish Open (Dublin).
RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Super League (5.30): Hull v Warrington, Toulouse v Bradford (8.0), Wakefield v York.
Betfred Championship (3.0): Dewsbury v Newcastle, Goole Vikings v Doncaster.
Betfred Women's Super League (2.0): Wigan Warriors v Leeds Rhinos.
RUGBY UNION
Internationals: Argentina v Australia (8.0), South Africa v New Zealand (4.10).

TOMORROW

CRICKET
Second Test Match—day 4 of 5: England v Pakistan (Lord's, 11am).
County Championship (day 4, 11am).
RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Championship (3.0): Batley v Salford RLFC, Halifax v Keighley, Midlands Hurricanes v North Wales (2.0), Rochdale v Oldham, Workington v Whitehaven.
Betfred Women's Super League (2.0): Barrow Raiders v Huddersfield Giants, Featherstone Rovers v Leigh Leopards.
TENNIS
US Open (Flushing Meadows, New York).

TENNIS US OPEN STARTS TOMORROW

HOLMES RUN . . . Fery celebrates during his epic Wimbledon charge that won him a host of new supporters

BENEDICT'S FERY NICE!

Arthur bags hug from Sherlock

ARTHUR FERY realised how life had changed for him following his epic Wimbledon run — when he got a hug from Sherlock Holmes.

From ROB MAUL in New York

Last month's Fery-tale run to the semi-finals, while all his fellow Brits lost in early rounds, thrust him into the sporting limelight and solved a lot of problems for British tennis.

Even when he had to play on Centre Court for the first time – with millions watching on TV – Fery, 24, managed to keep his cool.

The 400-1 tournament outsider banked £900,000 before his straight sets last-four loss to German Alex Zverev.

Yet his new-found fame hit home 24 hours later, the day of the women's singles final, when he met Benedict Cumberbatch, the actor who portrayed Sherlock Holmes in the BBC series.

Fery said: "Wimbledon was a life-changing fortnight for me.

"So many memories but it's also a little bit of a blur still.

"A lot of matches in a short amount of time. And a lot of first times. I'm slowly digesting it all now.

"The day after I lost, I was back on site when I crossed paths with Benedict Cumberbatch and his wife (*above*).

"They were really nice to me and chatted for five minutes. I then got a hug from Benedict Cumberbatch. So I was pumped by that.

"I was the last Brit standing from the third round onwards. So there was definitely some major attention on me.

"It's a different experience but at no point was it really overwhelming. I was able to keep my wits about me."

World No 37 Fery became the new British No 1 following his grass-court exploits but has since been replaced by Cameron Norrie, who is 33rd on the ATP global list.

In the US Open first round – the first time he has played in the New York main draw – he has a tricky debut against Italian No 13 seed Lorenzo Musetti tomorrow.

One of the French-born, Wimbledon-raised player's biggest memories this summer was sinking experienced campaigner Grigor Dimitrov on his Centre Court bow in front of eight-time grass king Roger Federer.

Reflecting more on his SW19 experience, Fery said: "I remember I was nervous before the first match played on Centre Court.

"I'd already got into the fourth round and I just didn't want to lose easily on Centre Court for the first time.

"That was kind of my biggest fear before actually trying to win the match.

"Then I was in the locker room getting ready and I was like, 'Oh, let me turn the TV on to see who's in the Royal Box,' then I saw that Roger Federer was there!

"That made me more nervous than if it was, you know, an actor or a sportsman from a different sport.

"But it was a pretty incredible experience. I ended up being happy that I managed to put in that performance in front of Roger."

BOULTER . . . married

Boulter rings the changes

By ROB MAUL

KATIE BOULTER will NOT wear her wedding ring while playing tennis — just like Andy Murray.

And she has no plans to change her name in tennis circles, deciding against using Mrs De Minaur for tournaments.

British No 1 Boulter and world No 7 Alex de Minaur wed in Tuscany in July.

The pair found a slot in their calendar to get hitched, after Wimbledon but before heading to the USA for events.

Boulter, 30, faces American Carol Young Suh Lee in round one at the US Open.

The Leicester ace said: "For tennis it'll be Boulter. And I won't wear the ring during matches.

"I can't. I learned from Andy. I'm not going to do that.

"It was just great to have everyone in one place. A once in a lifetime opportunity for us.

"Did anyone disgrace themselves? Everyone was pretty well behaved.

"Every single person that spoke that night, I was crying my eyes out the whole time."

Meanwhile, in the battle of the Brits, Harriet Dart beat Heather Watson 2-6 6-4 6-1 in their qualifier.

Qualifier Fran Jones made it eight Brits in the US main draw when she beat Joanna Garland from Taiwan 6-4 6-1.

Brit Harry Wendelken advanced after he beat Vilius Gaubas 6-7 7-6 7-6.

But Worcester's Jacob Fearnley lost 4-6 6-4 6-4 to Austrian Jurij Rodionov.

El of a day for Carlos

CARLOS ALCARAZ admits carrying the World Cup on to the pitch before Spain's victory in the final was the "experience of a "lifetime".

The Spanish tennis star, 23, saw Ferran Torres' goal beat Argentina 1-0 as a special guest of designers Louis Vuitton.

He said: "It was a lifetime experience, seeing Spain win the World Cup.

"Louis Vuitton had the trunks that carried the trophy, so they told me that I'm down to do it.

"It was a really cool experience."

Two-time Wimbledon champion Alcaraz makes his comeback in New York after four months out with a wrist injury.

He faces Russian Roman Safiullin in round one at the US Open.

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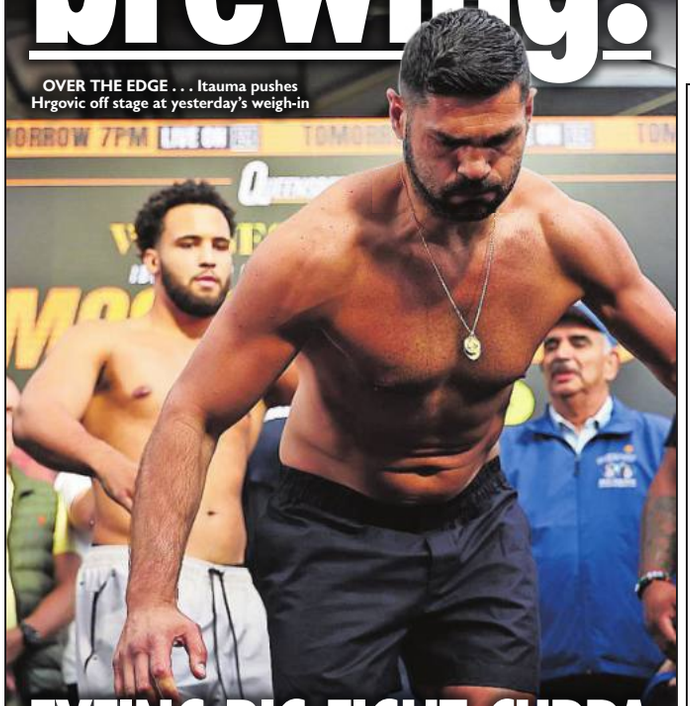

OVER THE EDGE . . . Itauma pushes Hrgovic off stage at yesterday's weigh-in

EYEING BIG-FIGHT CUPPA

MOSES ITAUMA would toast becoming heavyweight world champion with nothing more than a cuppa.

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

The 21-year-old is poised to become one of the hottest properties in sport if he beats Filip Hrgovic for the vacant IBF belt tonight.

The world will become his oyster with VIP doors flying open. Nothing would be off the menu.

But the Kent southpaw is so down to earth he plans to celebrate with just a drop of Rosie Lee.

Itauma, who pushed Hrgovic off stage during a weigh-in bust-up yesterday, said: "When I win the world title, the grind won't stop.

"When you go for a run you don't enjoy it. But afterwards you get a natural high, you get a buzz and you feel good.

"That's what a fight week is like.

"But next week when I am sitting down as a world champion – with a cup of tea in my hand – I might feel like I enjoyed it."

Victory over Croatian Hrgovic, 34, would make Itauma the second youngest world champ in history – Mike Tyson was 20 years 145 days when he KO'd Trevor Berbick in 1986.

It would catapult the Brit into serious talks about fighting Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury before they sail off into retirement.

Itauma's profile has not been raised like AJ's London Olympics gold being shown on the BBC.

Nor is he a 6ft 9in Traveller showman like Fury who sings, sells books and stars on reality TV.

But he is on the cusp of greatness – and the trappings and traps that come with it.

Itauma said: "I don't let the weight of expectations affect me.

"When I first turned professional people were saying I wasn't articulate or charismatic.

"But if you're not naturally boisterous and just starting out, all you can talk about is what you want to achieve.

"And with that braggadocious behaviour you're always going to sound a little bit arrogant.

"Lots of people say they are going to knock everybody out and rule their division but how many people actually do that?

"I just go off facts. When I turned professional I was 18 and hadn't really done much.

"What could I say apart from, 'I'm going to do this and that?' It just comes across arrogant."

Queensberry boss Frank Warren knows how to generate hype, after promoting for half a century.

But the sales pitch is serious when he talks about the brightest star in this stable.

Warren, 74, said: "I feel that on Saturday we will see a historic moment in boxing."

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HUNT TURNS TO TIKTOK THERAPY

STAR . . . Euros 100m champ Hunt

AMY HUNT has been watching "stupid" TikTok videos to help switch off before the final chapter of a golden summer.

By ROB MAUL

There has been so much attention on Hunt since she claimed four titles at the European Championships in Birmingham two weeks ago.

To cap off the 2026 outdoor campaign she will run over 100 metres and 200m at the Diamond League final in Brussels on September 4-5 – before going for the £111,000 top prize at the inaugural Ultimate World Championships in Budapest.

Yet World Championship 200m silver medallist Hunt revealed she likes to unwind by spending time messing around on social media.

The Newark star, 24, said: "I'm showing I'm an incredibly consistent sprinter. I always show up and put in a good performance.

"We're really learning what is working in terms of recovery.

"What's working emotionally, how we navigate those ups and downs, just how we look after my body.

"A lot of it is simply sitting on TikTok, turning my brain off. I'm such a big over-thinker.

"So sometimes you need to tell yourself to switch off and do something stupid for once.

"I am really proud with how I have been able to handle the last few weeks.

"Not just the intensity of the workload – but also the attention, the noise. Really proud."

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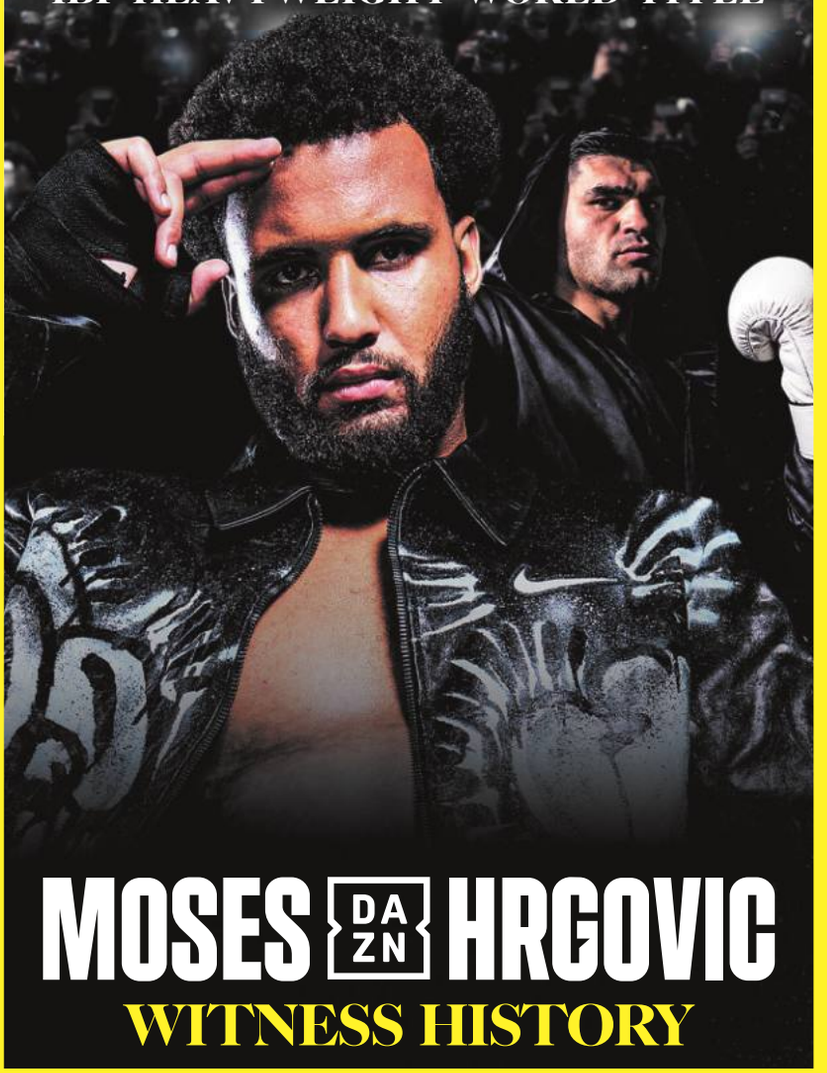

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CRICKET

SECOND TEST, DAY 2

SCOREBOARD

Second Test
England v Pakistan
(Day 2 of 5)

LORD'S: England lead Pakistan by 261 runs with seven second-innings wickets in hand

ENGLAND: First innings
(Overnight 248-9)

G Atkinson c Ali b Usman	45
J Tongue not out	30
B2 lb11 nb11	24
Total (66.4 overs)	**290**

Fall: 21, 26, 36, 77, 120, 187, 222, 222, 243.
Bowling: Abbas 20-3-73-4, Shahzad 15-0-79-1, Ali 22-2-86-3, Usman 9.4-1-39-1.

PAKISTAN: First inns

S Masood c Smith b Archer	1
A Awais c Gay b Robinson	46
A Shafique c Smith b Tongue	5
B Azam c Cox b Tongue	8
S Shakeel lbw Robinson	16
M Rizwan lbw Robinson	7
A Usman b Archer	7
K Shahzad c Brook b Robinson	1
M Abbas b Archer	2
M Ali not out	3
B12 lb1 w5 nb2	20
Total (37.2 overs)	**110**

Fall: 5, 16, 30, 63, 91, 104, 105, 106, 110.
Bowling: Robinson 13-6-11-4, Archer 11.2-1-26-3, Tongue 6-2-27-2, Atkinson 7-1-33-0.

ENGLAND: Second Inns

B Duckett c Azam b Shahzad	1
E Gay not out	30
J Cox lbw Shahzad	11
J Root lbw Ali	24
H Brook not out	7
Lb1 w5 nb2	8
Total (3 wkts, 22 overs)	**81**

Fall: 1, 13, 60.
Bowling: Abbas 8-0-27-0, Shahzad 8-1-26-2, Ali 6-1-27-1.
Umpires: A Paleker & P Reiffel.

QUICK SMART . . . Pakistan struggle to deal with Jofra Archer's raw pace and (inset) Ollie Robinson appeals for wicket of Mohammad Rizwan

Archer's velocity rapture

DELIGHT AS PACE ACE JOFRA GUTS TOURISTS

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

OLLIE ROBINSON tagged another bundle of cheap wickets — but it was Jofra Archer who provided the raw pace.

The Sussex duo were responsible for Pakistan's batting crumble on day two of the Second Test at Lord's.

Robinson finished with the remarkable figures of 13–6–11–4 and he could be in line for his third player-of-the-match award in three Tests this summer.

The 6ft 5in seamer bowled with skill, accuracy and sufficient movement for the Pakistan batsmen to find his bowling an unsolvable mystery.

It was impressive and it helped put England in complete command.

By the close, the hosts were 81-3 in their second innings with an overall lead of 261 runs.

But, if speed and aggression and box-office bowling is your bag, then Archer is the man.

His opening spell was consistently delivered at more than 90mph and his fourth over — with an average of 92.7mph — was the second fastest of his career.

Even after all his injuries, mainly to his back and an elbow, Archer can still hurtle the ball down with the best of them.

He took three wickets for 26 runs and with a bit more fortune could have snared at least a couple more.

Archer said: "I don't think the speedgun is accurate in this game, to be honest!

"I remember playing here in The Ashes in 2019 and thinking the same thing. So maybe the numbers are a bit dodgy — but I'll take it!"

Only two Pakistan batsmen reached double figures, with opener Azan Awais eighth man out for 46.

His normal opening partner Imam-ul-Haq was unable to bat because of a calf strain.

Let's be honest, Pakistan's batting is barely county standard and even the return of their captain Babar Azam, who missed the First Test with a finger injury, did not make a jot of difference.

Their totals in this series have been 171, 135 and now 110.

The distraction of the politically motivated Pakistan Cricket Board getting into a tizzy and making a formal complaint to Sky on Thursday over Mike Atherton's interview with the sons of incarcerated former captain and Prime Minister Imran Khan can hardly help.

Pakistan coach Sarfaraz Ahmed *(left)* denied suggestions the team might have refused to retake the field after lunch on day one.

England's last-wicket stand of 47 between tailenders Gus Atkinson (45) and Josh Tongue (30 not out) extended their first innings to 290.

Then Pakistan's Shan Masood — the emergency opener — began the procession when he edged Archer in the fourth over.

Abdullah Shafique was caught behind from the final ball before lunch although the umpires had to confirm his bat hit the ball rather than the ground.

Babar played a couple of sumptuous cover drives before being caught at third slip attempting a third.

Saud Shakeel was lbw to Robinson on review. The impact looked high in real time but three red lights appeared — just like for Mohammad Rizwan a little later.

Pakistan's tail offered scant resistance and their final five wickets fell for 19 runs.

Awais played and missed countless times but showed courage against Archer's thunderbolts.

He departed having a heave at Robinson and holing out to deep square leg.

But England struggled and Ben Duckett and Jordan Cox were out by the first ball of the fourth over.

Duckett carelessly slapped a drive to extra cover and Cox was leg before after another review.

Then Joe Root was lbw yet again although the wicketkeeper was not standing up on this occasion.

If you discount a run out, Root has been lbw in nine of his last 11 Test innings and seven on the trot.

After more than 14,000 Test runs, he has developed a problem that he is currently unable to cure.

O'SULLIVAN . . . defeat

Ron's got 'disease' but will not quit

By ROB MAUL

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN says his poor form on the snooker table is a "disease" and branded his Wuhan Open semi-final defeat "embarrassing".

But he insists he is not yet ready to "throw in the towel" on his career.

The Rocket, 50, crashed 6-3 to Chang Bingyu in the last four of the season's third ranking event.

The seven-time world champion only hit breaks of 82 and 58 as he was humbled by a Chinese player once banned for match-fixing offences.

He has slumped to No 14 in the world and not won a ranking title since January 2024.

O'Sullivan claims his technical demons relate to "some method I took on six years ago" and it has "messed me up".

He moaned: "I played terrible. Just another really, really, really, really poor performance.

"Chang played well. All credit to him.

"My own performance was just embarrassing really. It just gets worse.

"The disease came back big time today. Have I found a cure? Not really.

"To be honest, I don't think I'll ever get over it. I will see out the next 18 months, see how I go.

"I won't throw in the towel. I have committed to playing until then.

"I want to give myself a chance because I'd hate to finish my career on performances like that. It's embarrassing.

"I've got to call it a disease which has got into my game.

"I'm not surprised, I have been playing like that for a long, long time.

"I'm trying to work my way out of it. I'm not sure if I possibly can."

O'Sullivan has been holding a pen in his hands away from the table this week as a "comfort" and to forget "a lot of negative thoughts about my own game".

After three tournaments in five weeks in China O'Sullivan heads to Ireland to see friends and family.

He pulled out of next week's British Open for medical reasons and will return at the Shenzhen Open starting on September 28.

Sport

NORWEGIAN Andreas Leknessund recorded his first stage win at the Vuelta a Espana. He took 3hr 49min 47sec on the 93-mile mountainous course. Overall leader Tadej Pogacar was 19th.

SHORT

WREXHAM 1 BIRMINGHAM 2

DOYLE 54 NEUMANN 13, 63

Neu start..

PHIL IS DAVIES' HOLLYWOOD HERO

PHIL-GOOD FACTOR . . . Neumann celebrates his second at Wrexham

WHAT a Brummer for Wrexham in the 'Hollywood derby'.

But it was redemption for under-pressure Birmingham boss Chris Davies, as his side picked up a first league win of the season.

There was not a whole heap of glitz and glamour on show between these two ambitious clubs with A-list backers.

But for Davies *(right)* – whose job is believed to be under threat – it was the perfect script.

And he had an unlikely goal hero to thank as his saviour – at least for now.

It was central defender Phil Neumann who handed him a get-out-of-jail card.

Neumann's headed double knocked the stuffing out of Phil Parkinson's side.

In the space of one night the Blues ace moved two thirds of the way towards matching his goals tally from last season.

And it would have made uncomfortable watching for Wrexham owners Ryan Reynolds and Rob Mac on the other side of the Atlantic.

By JOHN RICHARDSON

The result left the Welsh hosts still searching for a first league win of the campaign.

Blues had come storming out of the blocks, eager to atone for the shocking 6-1 Carabao Cup thrashing by Brentford.

And truth be told, they should have been out of sight by half-time.

The fact Brum only had a 13th-minute header from Neumann following an Alex Cochrane corner to show for their dominance was due to big misses from August Priske and Jay Stansfield.

Priske, with the goal at his mercy from another Cochrane corner, struck a fortunate Ollie Rathbone on the line.

While somehow Stansfield conjured up one of the misses of the season so far, firing wide of an open goal after a Carlos Vicente lay-off.

Maybe the local DJ had a sense of humour as he played House Of Fun by Madness during the break – because for the frustrated home fans it had been anything but that.

However the mood among Red Dragons fans changed nine minutes after the break as the visitors' wastefulness in front of goal came back to haunt them.

Lewis O'Brien put in a whipped cross for Callum Doyle to take full advantage with a fine finish.

Kieffer Moore hit the side netting for the hosts before Blues eventually sealed it – Neumann with another headed finish from a Priske assist making it 2-1 in the 63rd minute.

CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwall	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
West Brom	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Charlton	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Birmingham	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Wolves	2	1	1	0	5	3	4
QPR	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Blackburn	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Watford	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Swansea	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Bolton	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Portsmouth	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Middlesbro	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Cardiff	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Sheff Utd	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Wrexham	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
West Ham	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Derby	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Burnley	2	0	1	1	3	5	1
Bristol City	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Lincoln City	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Preston	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Stoke	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Norwich	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Southampton	2	1	0	1	4	3	-1

(Southampton deducted 4 points)

KANE . . . fired blank

Kane has Stutt-ers

Bayern Munich.....5
Stuttgart.....1

By JAKE SANDERS

BAYERN MUNICH kicked off the defence of their Bundesliga title — without a goal from Harry Kane.

Dayot Upamecano climbed highest to nod in the opener from a corner after 21 minutes at the Allianz Arena.

Stuttgart defender Josha Vagnoman equalised in the 52nd minute to stun Vincent Kompany's side.

But Bayern responded just three minutes later as Michael Olise coolly restored their lead.

Vagnoman then went from hero to zero after slipping when trying to clear Alphonso Davies' cross and inexplicably turned it into his own net.

Olise met a fine pass from Kane — who scored 61 goals for Bayern last term — but his effort was ruled out for offside.

Aleksandar Pavlovic hit No 4 in the 82nd minute, before Luiz Diaz's clinical injury-time finish.

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EUROPA LGE DRAW

Perri-go-round

LEEDS are trying to sign Eintracht Frankfurt's Michael Zetterer after Lucas Perri joined Torino on loan.

Brazilian keeper Perri, 28, arrived from Lyon last season but lost his place to Karl Darlow in January.

His move to Italy includes an option to buy so Leeds want German Zetterer *(left)*, 31, to replace him.

Glas wants old Pal Dan

By GRAHAM HILL

OLIVER GLASNER wants to raid former club Crystal Palace for right wing-back Daniel Munoz.

Nottingham Forest made a bid of £22million for the Colombian *(left)*, 30, who was on the bench for Palace's game with Manchester City last night.

Forest boss Glasner refused to comment – but hopes to add a wing-back before the window closes. Celta Vigo's Javi Rueda is another target.

Glasner wants at least one more new face after landing Chelsea striker Liam Delap in a club-record £50m deal.

Forest and Everton are keen on Tottenham midfielder Pape Matar Sarr.

The Senegal star, 23, is yet to feature for Spurs this term and has been given the green light to leave this summer.

NEWS TICKER

JARELL QUANSAH is certain to stay at Bayer Leverkusen until next summer.

Arsenal were keen on the England defender, 23, but the Germans do not want to sell the £30million Liverpool recruit.

BEN BRERETON DIAZ has returned to Sheffield United on loan for a THIRD time.

Southampton's Chile striker, 27, who spent last season at Derby, has had two short Blades spells.

He said: "I was really, really excited to come back to the club again."

BOLTON have signed Republic of Ireland star Gavin Bazunu from Southampton.

Along with the 24-year-old keeper, the Championship side also snapped up Gent's Japanese midfielder Atsuki Ito, 28.

Cam to Chelsea

CHELSEA see Monaco's Lamine Camara as a possible replacement if Enzo Fernandez joins Manchester City.

Senegal midfielder Camara *(right)*, 22, is also a target for Liverpool, while Crystal Palace had a bid knocked back earlier this summer.

Fernandez did not feature against Luton on Thursday but Blues boss Xabi Alonso said: "We have other players that need minutes."

A Milan to one chants

MACKEMS AT SAN SIRO

From MARTIN LIPTON in MONACO

SUNDERLAND are promising to take '20,000 Mackems to Milan' – as they finally got the chance to put fans of bitter rivals Newcastle in their place.

The Toon Army gleefully dusted off a two-decade-old jibe on their recent seasons in the Champions League, taunting their North East neighbours with chants of, 'Have to ever seen a Mackem in Milan?'

But after the Wearsiders were handed a dream Europa League visit to take on AC Milan in the San Siro in their first European campaign since 1973, chief executive Tom Burwell could not resist some payback.

Burwell *(right)* said: "It shows how far we've come in a short time and it's a brilliant opportunity.

"We know that chant but there will probably be 20,000 Mackems in Milan for that game.

"It's an incredibly exciting time, a great draw for us, one we're looking forward to as an adventure and taking very seriously."

Sunderland will welcome Dutch side AZ, Croatia's Dinamo Zagreb, Poland's Jagiellonia and Levski Sofia from Bulgaria to the Stadium of Light.

Euro rookies Bournemouth – making their Uefa bow this season – will also face Milan but on home soil.

And they were handed a potentially problematic Vitality fixture against Israel's Hapoel Be'er Sheva.

West Midlands Police were heavily criticised after Maccabi Tel Aviv fans were barred from attending the Europa League tie at Aston Villa last November.

But Cherries sporting director Tiago Pinto promised: "Football is a place to build peace.

"This will have to be discussed and it's an unusual situation but we will deal with it. My message is football is a place for everyone.

"AC Milan will be the biggest game we have ever played at home. It's an unbelievable achievement for the club."

Crystal Palace could play their first Europa League game against the club whose owner prevented them playing in last season's competition.

Uefa will confirm the full fixture list by tomorrow but Palace face an away trip to Lyon – whose former owner John Textor's "decisive influence" through his Eagles shareholding saw Uefa demote them to the Conference League.

But things worked out for Palace as they won the competition and earned their place in this term's Europa League.

In the Conference League, Brighton's top opponents are French outfit Monaco, while they also travel to Athens to play Panathinaikos in the six-game league phase.

Seagulls chief executive Paul Barber said: "Monaco is a big name and it will be great to host them at the Amex.

"Stepping up to play in European competition is a big deal."

TEKKE THAT MO AND CO

By TONY ROBERTSON

MO SALAH'S honeymoon in Turkey is well and truly over.

His Trabzonspor side dropped into the Conference League following a humiliating 5-0 aggregate defeat to Ferencvaros in the Europa League play-offs.

But the club rejected boss Fatih Tekke's resignation after Thursday's 4-0 second-leg loss.

Liverpool icon Salah, 34, said on Instagram: "Bad nights are part of football and I have learned to turn them into motivation and into trophies.

"Trabzonspor is my club, and I am part of this project, body and soul. Last night will not change that."

Salah was hooked just after the hour as Trabzonspor ended the game with only NINE men after Ruslan Malinovskyi and Sidny Lopes Cabral saw red.

Tekke, 47, said: "I can't even sleep. May everyone forgive me."

EUROPA LEAGUE DRAW

BOURNEMOUTH		CRYSTAL PALACE		SUNDERLAND	
AC Milan (h)	Sturm Graz (h)	Real Sociedad (h)	Lech Poznan (h)	AZ Alkmaar (h)	Jagiellonia Bialystok (h)
Real Sociedad (a)	Celta Vigo (a)	Lyon (a)	Jagiellonia Bialystok (a)	AC Milan (a)	Lech Poznan (a)
Viktoria Plzen (h)	Hapoel Be'er Sheva (h)	Sparta Prague (h)	Hoffenheim (h)	Dinamo Zagreb (h)	Levski Sofia (h)
Sparta Prague (a)	Lillestrom (a)	RB Salzburg (a)	Besiktas (a)	Anderlecht (a)	Torreense (a)

CONFERENCE LEAGUE

BRIGHTON

Monaco (h)	Panathinaikos (a)	Universitatea Craiova (h)	Getafe (a)	Kauno Zalgiris (h)	Jablonec (a)

SRNA . . . fans pledge

Shak cap away fans

From MARTIN LIPTON

SHAKHTAR DONETSK will cap the number of away fans for their Champions League games in London — in a bid to make them feel like home matches.

The Ukrainians, unable to play on their own soil since the 2022 invasion by Russia, are using Chelsea's Stamford Bridge for their four home games.

They have a plum home tie with Real Madrid.

Uefa rules only mandate that clubs sell a minimum of five per cent of tickets to away fans, with no limit on the maximum number.

But with an estimated 200,000 Ukrainians now living in London, Donetsk have prioritised them rather than cashing in on what will be massive Spanish interest.

Donetsk are expected to allocate only 10 per cent to away fans — just under 4,500 tickets.

And sporting director Darijo Srna explained: "We want this to be a game for all our fans who now live in the UK."

FABREGAS . . . hope

Fab eyes home run

From MARTIN LIPTON

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE newboys Como are confident of being allowed to host Manchester United at home.

But it will leave away fans scrambling to get one of a few available tickets.

Como — coached by ex-Arsenal and Chelsea midfielder Cesc Fabregas — gatecrashed Serie A's top four to seal a debut in Europe's top competition.

But the Italians' 13,000-capacity Stadio Giuseppe Sinigaglia is undergoing a £50million refurb.

Uefa must give it the OK — with Sassuolo's 21,525-capacity Mapei Stadium 150 miles away on stand-by as an alternative.

Playing in Como would mean barely 600 United fans getting tickets.

Como also host holders Paris Saint-Germain, RB Leipzig and AEK Athens.

Fixtures are revealed today but, if Como's opener is away, their first home match would not be until mid-October, allowing more time to complete building works.

POWER OF SIX

United (plus City, Liverpool, Arsenal, Spurs & Chelsea) they stand in PL meetings

WHEN the Premier League was created in 1992, the principle was simple: 20 clubs, one share each, one vote each.

Thirty-four years later, the voting structure has barely changed. The balance of power certainly has.

It still operates on the principle of collective decision-making. But anyone who has sat around that table knows having an equal vote and having an equal influence are not remotely the same thing.

I spent much of my 30-plus years in football sitting at the Premier League table watching it become the world's most commercially successful domestic competition.

I have also seen the financial gap between the biggest clubs and everyone else become enormous. That inevitably changes the politics.

The Premier League requires 14 clubs to agree to change its rules.

On paper, that protects the collective. In reality, it means six clubs can make it extremely difficult to get anything through.

That is where influence matters.

The Big Six – Manchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool, Arsenal, Chelsea and Tottenham – have enormous financial and political weight.

If they are united, they do not need to control the room. They just need to ensure 14 votes for change cannot be assembled.

We have seen how powerful those relationships can become, with clubs such as Newcastle – backed by Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund – finding themselves aligned with positions favoured by the bigger clubs.

Again, that is not necessarily sinister. It is football politics. Clubs vote according to what they believe is in their interests.

But it does demonstrate the difference between having one vote and having influence over others.

And there is an interesting history here.

The Big Six were once a much closer political bloc. Then came the European Super League, a spectacular own goal which blew the alliance apart.

The backlash was enormous and the clubs involved were left having to explain themselves.

Whatever private relationships existed between them before, the Super League made the group far harder to sustain publicly.

There was embarrassment, mistrust and fallout. For a while, the Big Six looked anything but united.

Now they seem to have rediscovered the benefits of acting together when their interests coincide.

That should concern the rest of the Premier League – not because the biggest clubs are doing anything wrong but because the league has to make sure its collective interests are not simply the sum of the ambitions of its most powerful members.

The danger is that the six biggest voices become so powerful that the other 14 discover their votes are technically equal but politically very different.

The Premier League's genius has always been that 20 competitors agree to operate one competition.

Its future depends on remembering that the word that matters most in that sentence is not competitors.

It is one.

No Scott as that's our lot

From MARTIN LIPTON

BOURNEMOUTH sporting director Tiago Pinto vowed Alex Scott will **NOT** be sold, promising: "We are done."

Cherries boss Marco Rose is desperate to keep midfielder Scott *(right)*, 23, who is a potential £80million replacement for Enzo Fernandez at Chelsea.

But Pinto, in Monaco for the Europa League draw, insists any suitors are out of luck.

He said: "No one is leaving. No one is coming. We're done.

"In the last 24 hours, I've felt like the most relaxed sporting director in Monaco.

"All my colleagues, they are on the phone doing deals.

"For me, it was very important to make our business early in the window."

RUIZ BRIGHT START

BRIGHTON have appointed Arturo Ruiz as the new manager of their women's team — after Dario Vidosic quit just ahead of the new season.

Ex-Real Sociedad boss Ruiz, 29, will sign a three-year contract once his work permit is finalised.

Australian Vidosic, 39, led the Seagulls to fifth- and seventh-placed finishes in his two campaigns.

His departure shocked the club before their WSL opener at home to Arsenal a week tomorrow.

MESSI'S NEW BOSS

ARGENTINE coach Cristian Alberto 'Kily' Gonzalez is the new boss of Lionel Messi's Inter Miami.

But the former winger, 53, must wait until he gets a US work permit to take charge.

Sporting director Guillermo Hoyos was named interim boss after Javier Mascherano quit in April — although he is serving a one-match MLS ban against Montreal tonight for Inter's "repeated violation" of the league's late kick-off policy.

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ALONSO . . . rebuild

Alonso's plan glee

By LLOYD CANFIELD

XABI ALONSO'S Chelsea squad rebuild masterplan is almost complete.

The Blues finally seem to have struck a fine balance between youth and experience this season.

Boss Alonso, 44, admitted the West Londoners are "quite close to the plan we had".

Alonso has bought in older heads in midfielder Jordan Henderson, 36, and striker Danny Welbeck, 35.

He also grabbed top Prem stars Morgan Rogers and Maxence Lacroix.

But Chelsea have also raked in profitable fees for their unwanted stars.

Nicolas Jackson and Liam Delap have gone for fees which could rise to £115m, while wantaway Enzo Fernandez's exit is seemingly looming.

Ahead of hosting Brighton tomorrow, chief Alonso said: "We will see where we finish, if it's fully executed or there are things still to be done or things we couldn't do.

"But I think overall the balance of what we have is going to be good. We have to see how the last few days develop.

"But so far the team is coming together.

"It is a process that will take time. We are in a good position, with a few more days to see."

Chelsea v Brighton

Tomorrow, 2pm, sky sports

Boscagli steps up

By ISABELLE BARKER

OLIVIER BOSCAGLI never considered walking away from Brighton despite a tough start at the Amex.

The defender made just 12 appearances last term after signing on a five-year deal in July 2025.

But Monaco-born Boscagli netted in the 4-0 Conference League romp over Tromso in midweek.

He spent six successful years at PSV Eindhoven but admits he has needed time to settle before.

Boscagli, 28, said: "When you don't play a lot, it's difficult.

"You can find the easy way and leave the club.

"I try to step up and show my best."

Boss Fabian Hurzeler insisted Yankuba Minteh is settled at Brighton despite Liverpool having a £60million bid for the winger rejected.

Hurzeler said: "He is committed to this club."

The Seagulls head to Chelsea tomorrow without the winger, who faces two to three months out with a leg injury.

Troy Deeney

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF FOOTBALL

Blues could wow with Welbz and Joao

JOAO ABOUT THAT . . . Pedro scores after 31 seconds in Chelsea's Prem opener at Fulham

I'M BUZZING TO SEE MY OLD HORNETS MATES REUNITED

DANNY WELBECK, Joao Pedro and myself were all relegated with Watford in 2020.

Absolutely no one would have imagined two of those would be back together at Chelsea this season.

Having outscored the pair of them that year, I just cannot believe I didn't get a call from someone at Stamford Bridge over the summer.

But Welbz and Joao are a fantastic duo for Chelsea to have together as the Blues look to build something different under Xabi Alonso.

Joao is primed for a big, big year. I'm not breaking any confidences when I say not making Brazil's World Cup squad hurt him a lot.

He's the sort of player who doesn't just want to be in the squad, he wants to be the No9, their main man.

That fire, a fine start against Fulham and a season without European football mean I can see him having a big year.

I don't think he will challenge for the Golden Boot, he's not a killer like Erling Haaland or Alexander Isak – he's more of a rounded, complete player who likes to create as well.

But he has had that burning desire and focus to be at the top since arriving with me at Watford, when he was an 18-year-old who didn't want to be told there was a pecking order.

And he has not changed since, I can still pick the phone up to him and have a chat whenever and he's the same kid. Another Brazilian I played with at Watford, Richarlison, is completely the other way – I don't recognise him now, it's night and day.

Joao still has that fire and Welbeck is the ideal foil for him.

He used to get called Uncs, Uncle Welbeck or Welbz when we were at Watford together *(above)* and I've known him since he was at Manchester United.

He's just infectious, a great personality, never miserable.

Trust me, Watford is a place that you can be miserable very, very quickly. I don't think there was a day where he came in and was down.

Every time smiling, just an appreciation of playing football for a living.

He's competitive, wants to play, wants to be fit and available – and he does the work.

Danny got off to a flying start with his header against Luton on Thursday and you could see he has already made a big impact in the dressing room by how buzzing his new team-mates were celebrating his goal.

If Alonso wants to rotate or needs to move Pedro a bit deeper, I can see Danny slotting in easily.

He can play old-school in a two, on his own, meet crosses or, as he has done at Brighton, play in a more intricate system.

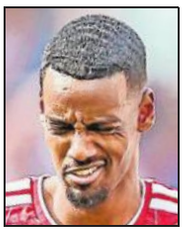
He's also in unbelievable condition. If Danny's got his top off and you are a young lad, you'll go, 'Wow, who is that?'

That whole package is huge for Chelsea as they look to add some maturity to a talented squad.

And it is not just Pedro he will help. I can see him rubbing off on Cole Palmer.

Being from Manchester gives them something to connect over and Palmer's cheeky response when asked after the win over Fulham if he is ready for this new season – saying, "Did you not watch the game?" – showed me he's been hanging around Danny.

We can't get too overexcited by just one Prem match. But Chelsea made a good start, and if Danny can keep everyone's heads up and Joao can maintain that form, my two Watford mates are on for a big year at the Blues.



SLOG ON TYNE . . . Isak

ISAK GOAL FLAK IS OFF-TARGET

ALEXANDER ISAK failed to find the net on his return to Newcastle, so apparently that makes him bang average.

Did Erling Haaland not miss a sitter against Bournemouth? But he is still steaming towards the Premier League Golden Boot according to everyone.

The criticism of Isak for his showing back at St James' Park, with all that pressure and a new manager, was daft.

Add to that the fact people were angry he let the designated penalty-taker, who scored, take the 99th-minute spot-kick and it was all rather baffling to see.

So I am willing to stick my neck out and say that Liverpool's Swedish striker will score more than Yoane Wissa, Nick Woltemade and Will Osula combined this season and offer up a £2,000 bet to charity to back it up.

To consider Isak a flop, with the emotion of that opening day – including the Kevin Keegan tributes – is foolish. Especially given the forward line he will be playing in this season.

Should the Reds add both Bradley Barcola and another former team-mate of mine, Ismaila Sarr from Crystal Palace, that moves the needle and helps Isak a lot.

He will then have wingers either side of him with bags of pace who are also willing to run and work without the ball.

That would open up space which was not there before.

PREM MAN UTD v IPSWICH Tomorrow 4.30pm, sky sports

BALEBA . . . ankle injury

Baleba's debut on hold until after City

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

BOSS Michael Carrick fears £70million signing Carlos Baleba could be out for up to another THREE WEEKS.

Midfielder Baleba, 22, joined Manchester United from Brighton this week but an ankle injury means he has not played since last month.

Now the Cameroon star is likely to miss fixtures against Ipswich and Everton plus United's first Champions League game — AND the Manchester derby at Old Trafford on September 13.

United then play Brighton in the League Cup and Fulham away before the first international break.

Carrick said: "He's got a little ankle issue so maybe three weeks, but we knew that before. It's no major issue.

"We're delighted to have Carlos — he has massive potential so he's a really exciting signing.

"The attributes that he has offset the balance of the group that we've got. Different strengths, different combinations."

He's got an ankle issue — but we knew that — MICHAEL CARRICK

Mason Mount may be back in the United squad against Ipswich tomorrow after his hamstring injury but Amad Diallo will not be involved.

Carrick will not overhype teenager JJ Gabriel despite watching him score on his debut for the under-21s on Monday.

Gabriel, 15, played for the first team as a sub in the 2-1 pre-season win over Atletico Madrid.

But Carrick said: "JJ is one of the boys, he's got a really big talent.

"He's trained with us quite a bit and he's getting experience all the time. He's physically adapting to each step that he makes and just continue his development."

Harry Amass also lined up for the under-21s but the 19-year-old could leave before Tuesday's transfer deadline — if United manage to bring in another left-back to compete with Luke Shaw.

MAT GOT THE MESSAGE

Now O'Neil wants to send him cheeky text

By JON WEST

GARY O'NEIL'S words of wisdom helped star forward Matheus Cunha land a big-money move to Manchester United.

But the only message Ipswich boss O'Neil wants Brazil's World Cup star to digest this weekend is a text saying: "Unlucky . . . "

The Tractor Boys head to Old Trafford tomorrow on the back of Saturday's season-opening win over Sunderland.

Cunha and his United team-mates flopped 2-0 at Hull — another promoted side — in that day's early kick-off and will be under pressure to right that wrong.

O'Neil was Cunha's boss at Wolves, who sold him to United for £62.5million last summer.

And the Town chief said: "He's passionate and I loved working with him.

"I loved the challenge of teaching him because he was unbelievably raw.

"He was unbelievably good technically but tactical stuff and what the team needed from him, I felt, needed a lot of work.

LISTEN . . . O'Neil 'n Cunha chat

"We spent a lot of time helping him understand how he could be better for the team and he was fantastic.

"He got a big, big move on the back of that.

"We still stay in contact. I'm desperate to beat him and send him a cheeky late-night Sunday text saying, 'Unlucky, Matheus'. That would be nice. Ipswich fans won't mind that either — for more than one reason."

Their clearest memory of Cunha is him clashing with a Town security officer called Chris after Ipswich's 2-1 win at Molineux on December 14, 2024.

Cunha, 27, was banned for two games and fined £80,000 for the bust-up — which saw him snatch the guard's glasses.

O'Neil — who was sacked by Wanderers the next day — added: "Chris has forgiven him — and me for allowing Cunha to do that to him!

"His glasses are fine, they might be new. We had a laugh about it when I arrived.

"Chris does a great job for the club and keeps me in line. He makes sure I don't go through the wrong doors."

Ipswich are hoping to seal a loan deal for Aston Villa striker Tammy Abraham, 28, having just bought Argentina midfielder Exequiel Palacios for an initial £19.3m from Bayer Leverkusen.

The World Cup winner, 27, could even start at United.

O'Neil said: "I'm sure you will see him on Sunday. He's an incredible signing."

FRIENDS REUNITED . . . Red Devils' star Cunha will meet up with his old boss O'Neil tomorrow when Ipswich visit Old Trafford

THE O'NEILY MAN

CUNHA UNDER O'NEIL AT WOLVES

Games	Starts	Minutes	Goals	Assists	Mins per goal
53	47	4,126	22	11	187

SNATCH OF THE DAY . . . Cunha grabs Ipswich security guard's glasses in December 2024 row

(3.0 unless stated)

TODAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

1 Liverpool v Nottm Forest (TNT Sports 1) 12.30
2 AFC Bournemouth v Everton .....
3 Coventry v Hull .....
4 Tottenham v Newcastle (Sky Sports Main Event) . 5.30

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

5 Derby v Swansea 12.30
6 Middlesbrough v West Brom (ITV 1) 12.30
7 Wolverhampton v Stoke 12.30
8 Blackburn v QPR .....
9 Bolton v Lincoln City .....
10 Bristol City v Portsmouth .....
11 Cardiff v Sheff Utd .....
12 Charlton v Preston North End .....
13 Norwich v Burnley .....
14 Southampton v Millwall .....
15 Watford v West Ham .....

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

16 Blackpool v Peterborough 12.30
18 Cambridge Utd v Huddersfield .....
19 Leyton Orient v Barnsley .....
17 Milton Keynes Dons v Leicester 12.30
20 Notts County v Burton Albion .....
21 Plymouth v Bradford .....
22 Sheff Wed v Bromley .....
23 Stevenage v Doncaster .....
24 Stockport County v Wycombe .....

SKY BET LEAGUE TWO

25 Barnet v Cheltenham 12.30
26 Port Vale v Crewe 12.30
27 Rotherham v Chesterfield 1.0
28 Colchester v Rochdale .....
29 Crawley Tn v Bristol Rovers .....
30 Gillingham v Northampton .....
31 Grimsby v Fleetwood Tn .....
32 Newport County v Tranmere .....
33 Oldham v Swindon .....
34 Shrewsbury v Salford City .....
35 Walsall v Accrington Stanley .....
36 York v Exeter .....

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP

37 Celtic v Falkirk .....
39 Hearts v St Johnstone .....
40 Kilmarnock v Dundee Utd .....

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP

Arbroath v Livingston .....
Ayr v Morton .....
Partick v Queen's Park .....
Stenhousemuir v Inverness CT .....

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE ONE

Airdrieonians v East Fife .....
Alloa v Peterhead .....
Hamilton v Cove Rangers .....
Montrose v Queen of South .....
Ross County v East Kilbride (BBC Alba) 5.30

WILLIAM HILL LEAGUE TWO

Annan Athletic v Dumbarton .....
Elgin v Stirling .....
Spartans v Clyde .....
Stranraer v Kelty Hearts .....

LA LIGA

42 Levante v Real Betis 4.0
43 Real Sociedad v Espanyol 6.0
44 Sevilla v Atletico Madrid 8.30

BUNDESLIGA

45 Cologne v Hoffenheim 2.30
46 Mainz v Paderborn 2.30
47 RB Leipzig v Borussia M'gladbach 2.30
48 Union Berlin v Eintracht Frankfurt 2.30
49 Borussia Dortmund v Hamburg 5.30
Elversberg v Bayer Leverkusen 2.30

ENTERPRISE NORTH - Bedford Tn v Spennymoor Tn, Brackley v South Shields, Darlington v Macclesfield FC, Hebburn Tn v King's Lynn Tn, , Hereford FC v Chester FC, Marine v Radcliffe, Merthyr Tn v Chorley, , , Scarborough Athletic v Southport, Spalding Utd v Worksop Tn.

ENTERPRISE SOUTH - AFC Totton v Chesham Utd, Billericay v Tonbridge Angels, Chelmsford v Maidenhead Utd, Dover v Braintree Tn, , Hemel Hempstead v Weston-S-Mare, Horsham v Farnham Tn, Maidstone Utd v Salisbury FC, Slough v Folkestone Invicta, Torquay v Hampton & Richmond, Truro City v Dag & Red, Walton & Hersham v Dorking Wanderers.

THE PITCHING IN NORTHERN PREMIER - AVRO v Stockton Tn, Alfreton Tn v Warrington Rylands, , Bamber Bridge v Hyde Utd, Bury FC v Ilkeston Tn, , , Quorn v Whitby Tn, Redcar Athletic v FC United of Manchester, Warrington Tn v Emley AFC, Workington v Leek Tn.

THE PITCHING IN ISTHMIAN PREMIER - AFC Whyteleafe v Cheshunt, Aveley v Lewes, , Carshalton Ath v Brentwood Tn, Chatham Tn v Wingate & Finchley, Dulwich v Three Bridges, Eastbourne Borough v Leatherhead, Enfield Tn v Whitehawk, Maldon & Tiptree v Cray Wanderers, St Albans v Stanway Rovers, Welling v Ramsgate.

THE PITCHING IN SOUTHERN PREMIER CENTRAL - Alvechurch v Racing Club Warwick, Banbury Utd v Stourbridge, Bromsgrove Sporting v Bishop's Stortford, Halesowen Tn v Real Bedford, Hitchin Tn v Kettering, Leamington v Worcester City, Leighton Tn v Bury Tn, Leiston v Redditch Utd, , Stamford v Rushall Olympic, Stratford Tn v Needham Market.

THE PITCHING IN SOUTHERN PREMIER SOUTH - Bath City v Uxbridge, Bracknell Tn v Sholing, Chertsey Tn v Frome Tn, Chippenham v Berkhamsted , Evesham Utd v Plymouth Parkway, Gosport Borough v Malvern Tn, Hanwell Tn v Chichester City, Havant and W v Gloucester, Poole Tn v Yate Tn, Taunton Tn v Basingstoke Tn, Wimborne Tn v Hanworth Villa.

TOMORROW

PREMIER LEAGUE

Chelsea v Brighton (Sky Sports Main Event) 2.0
Leeds v Brentford (Sky Sports Premier League) 2.0
Man Utd v Ipswich (Sky Sports Main Event) 4.30
Sunderland v Fulham 2.0

SKY BET LEAGUE ONE

AFC Wimbledon v Wigan 2.0
Mansfield v Luton .....

WILLIAM HILL PREMIERSHIP

Aberdeen v Rangers .....
38 Dundee v Hibernian .....
41 St Mirren v Motherwell .....

LA LIGA

Celta Vigo v Athletic Bilbao 8.30
Deportivo La Coruna v Valencia 6.30
Real Madrid v Malaga 4.0

BUNDESLIGA

Augsburg v Schalke 04 ..... 4.30
Freiburg v Werder Bremen 2.30

MONDAY

PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v Arsenal (Sky Sports Main Event) 8.0

PREMIER LEAGUE £120M

GRASS

Barcola set to get Liverpool fans jumping

SILVER SIGNING ... Barcola after his first Champions League success with PSG in 2025 and in his earlier days at Lyon (right) in 2022

By MARTIN LIPTON
CHIEF SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

BRADLEY BARCOLA was known as "The Grasshopper" when he broke through at Lyon.

The understated pest who can bring a crowd to their feet with a dazzling or explosive dribble.

And now Liverpool boss Andoni Iraola is banking on the French ace to get the Anfield crowd jumping, too.

Liverpool have been tracking Barcola, who turns 24 on Wednesday, for more than a year.

The feeling last summer, though, was that recruiting from a position of strength after the 2025 title triumph meant prioritising other areas.

Instead, they splashed the cash to land the likes of Alexander Isak, Florian Wirtz and Hugo Ekitike, anticipating another campaign of goals and glory from superstar Mo Salah.

That did not happen, with ex-gaffer Arne Slot walking the plank in the summer, following Salah out of the Anfield door.

The price of "failure".

It all made the search for a Salah replacement, a wide player to galvanise, excite, tease and torment, a more pressing issue facing the new manager and his board.

Even if he was not their prime wing target, once RB Leipzig's Ivory Coast teen Yan Diomande chose to join the queue of left-sided options for Jose Mourinho at Real Madrid, Barcola was always the next in line.

It is easy to see why.

Indeed, while 19-year-old Diomande offers potential, Barcola is a more secure punt.

He is a proven winner already, coping with the heightened expectations at Paris Saint-Germain, thriving under Luis Enrique since his £41m move from Lyon in 2023, and a key part of France's attacking arsenal as well.

Barcola has a silverware collection many would dream of accumulating over their entire careers.

He offers pace and directness, goals and assists, the ability to stretch teams wide and run in behind, while also showing the foraging, ball-recovering mindset that was a feature of Iraola's brilliant Bournemouth side.

More importantly for Barcola, the Kop giants will give him what he wants as well.

A guaranteed starting place in his preferred position – something he has not had at PSG or France.

Although, even if he is not happy, it seems Barcola would be more likely to bite his tongue than kick up a fuss.

PSV chief Peter Bosz, Barcola's boss when he first came into the senior ranks at Lyon, recalled how he was, temperamentally, everything his fellow rookie, now Manchester City schemer, Rayan Cherki, was not.

Bosz said: "Bradley was humble, always happy, but quiet, the opposite of Cherki. Even when he was 17, Cherki was the loudest in the dressing room, everyone knew he was there.

"But Bradley, he was quiet. He was always giving his best and you could see that he wanted to become better and better.

"I knew he was a good player but now he's a top player."

Enrique, too, was happy to praise a "very balanced person, very sensible, humble, hard-working, with great family values".

Barcola, though, wanted to play more, frustrated – behind the scenes and never openly or causing a rumpus – with struggling to oust terrific trio Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, 2025 Ballon d'Or winner Ousmane Dembele and Desire Doue from the starting side. Four starts on the left for France at the World Cup – when he shared duties with 21-year-old Doue – added to the sense that the grass might be greener in Liverpool, with the move mooted all summer.

PSG, who had prepared for their own reboot by landing World Cup final match-winner Ferran Torres, Monaco's Maghnes Akliouche and Ajax flier Mika Godts, were happy to let him go.

Enrique's view is that players who wish to

BARCLAYS BANK MOST EXPENSIVE BRITISH TRANSFERS

Alexander Isak Newcastle to Liverpool	£130m
BRADLEY BARCOLA PSG to Liverpool	£120m*
Morgan Rogers Aston Villa to Chelsea	£117m
Elliot Anderson Nottm Forest to Man City	£116m
Enzo Fernandez Benfica to Chelsea	£106m
Declan Rice West Ham to Arsenal	£105m
Jack Grealish Aston Villa to Man City	£100m
Moises Caicedo Brighton to Chelsea	£100m
Florian Wirtz B Leverkusen to Liverpool	£100m

* - deal to be confirmed

MAN IN SPOTLIGHT

KOPPER

Bhat's swinging

NEW Liverpool vice-chairman Amit Bhatia has vowed to bring more success to "the biggest and the greatest club in the world".

By TONY LITTLE

British-Indian businessman Bhatia *(below)* will be at this lunchtime's game against Nottingham Forest at Anfield – his first visit since a deal was agreed with Fenway Sports Group for his consortium to buy into the club.

The company called 1892 Holdings includes Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and, once approved, will own 38 per cent of the 20-time English champions.

Bhatia, 46, who was previously co-owner of QPR, said: "How can you not be excited?

"It's the biggest and the greatest football club in the world. And so, to in any way be associated with it, is the stuff of dreams, right?

"To have the ability to be involved is a huge privilege and a huge honour. There's just so much to admire, so much to frankly be in awe of.

"We're ready, willing and champing at the bit. We can't wait to help in any way that we are called upon to help the club.

"So, I'm incredibly excited, honoured and looking forward to it."

Bhatia also spoke of the "enormous responsibility" the ownership group had towards the Merseyside club and its fanbase.

If the deal is approved, Bhatia will become vice-chairman and sit on an expanded board of directors, along with Elaine Saverin from EE Capital and Bryan Baum of K5 Sports.

American billionaire Bezos, 62, is not on the board and will not attend the Forest clash.

Bhatia added: "This club has been around since 1892 and the club will be around long after we're all gone.

"For a short period of time, if we were lucky enough to be part of an ownership group that can help support the club for a period of time, then all that we can hope for is that we can bring more success to the club.

"But more importantly, that we can make the fans even more proud of the football club that they support, that they represent, that shapes their Sunday mornings or their Mondays in the office."

NOT TOO BRAD AT ALL

BARCOLA'S CAREER TO DATE

2021-23 Lyon

Games **47**	Starts **25**	Minutes **2,343**
Goals **7**	Assists **11**	Shots **45**
Shots on target **22**	Shot conversion rate **15.6%**	
Chances created **47**		

2023- PSG

Games **152**	Starts **107**	Minutes **8,989**
Goals **39**	Assists **35**	Shots **269**
Shots on target **169**	Shot conversion rate **14.5%**	
Chances created **207**		

2024- France

Games **28**	Starts **12**	Minutes **1,179**
Goals **6**	Assists **3**	Shots **33**
Shots on target **14**	Shot conversion rate **18.2%**	
Chances created **31**		

leave should be allowed to do so. As the back-to-back Champions League winning coach admitted last week: "When a player doesn't want to come here, or doesn't have a smile on his face at the idea of being here, it's better to find another solution."

But there is no animosity back in the French capital, where senior figures insisted the only hold-up had been the Reds' reluctance to meet PSG's asking price, which represented an £80m paper profit.

One PSG insider confirmed: "There was never any issue with Bradley whatsoever.

"He was always really well behaved. Yes, he's a quiet boy. He doesn't really talk too much and he doesn't enjoy media interviews.

"But you can see how much it means when he plays, especially when he scores an important goal. There's that excitement and schoolboy enthusiasm. He's been like that since he came to the club."

Liverpool will want to see all that and more, while Barcola, predominantly right footed despite his preference for playing on the other flank, already accepts he needs to show a "killer instinct".

Referring to his first days in Paris, Barcola said: "The coach was the first to point it out.

"He always told me I was doing many things well but reminded me I was, first and foremost, a striker – and strikers are expected to score."

That expectation will be even bigger at Anfield.

But Iraola can be sure Barcola will not wilt under the burden. He just wants to fly.

RED HOT . . . Delap is ready for his Forest debut

KANE AIM FOR DELAP

By GRAHAM HILL

OLIVER GLASNER told £50million man Liam Delap to target filling Harry Kane's England boots.

Delap, who became Nottingham Forest's record signing this week after being frozen out by Chelsea, is set for his debut at Liverpool today.

And the City Ground boss wants the 6ft 2in striker to challenge the Three Lions' ageing strikeforce.

Glasner said: "Every player needs a personal goal and this is what I spoke about with Liam. We see the situation around England's No 9s. The top centre forwards are 30 or over – Harry Kane, Ollie Watkins, Ivan Toney, Danny Welbeck.

"Liam is 23. He's a player with a profile every manager wants. We can support him.

"But he has to come in every morning with the ambition to improve every part of his game."

Delap scored 12 goals for relegated Ipswich two seasons ago but his move to Chelsea turned sour.

After bagging one league goal last term he was not even training with the first team when Forest called.

Glasner added: "Everyone in the Premier League wanted Liam after his amazing season at Ipswich.

"He had a difficult season at Chelsea, with much higher expectations, especially from himself.

"The move almost didn't happen ten days ago.

"When the door opened we grabbed Liam's hand, pulled him through and now he's here.

"We will help reignite his career to become the same player – hopefully even a better player – than he was at Ipswich.

"We were looking for a striker with physicality, and with the pace to make runs in behind.

"Liam is the perfect fit and I think we are the perfect club for him.

"He's hungry. He wants to improve."

Liverpool v Nottm Forest
12.30pm SPORTS talkSPORT

FIRM ISAK BACKING

ROBERTO FIRMINO believes Alexander Isak will turn it around and become a Liverpool star.

By KEN LAWRENCE

Isak has struggled at Anfield a year on from his record £130million move from Newcastle.

The Sweden striker, 26, suffered a broken leg in a season where he only scored four goals in 22 appearances.

Isak *(right)* looked a haunted figure against his old team at St James' Park last Sunday.

But former Reds No 9 Firmino reckons life will get better for the front-man, starting with today's home clash against Nottingham Forest.

The Brazilian, 34, said: "Alex has to stay positive. All strikers go through difficult periods but he has already proved in previous years that he's one of the best in the Premier League."

Firmino hit 11 goals from 49 games in his first Kop season. Only after Jurgen Klopp took over and he became part of the Fab Three with Mo Salah and Sadio Mane did he become a club legend.

Firmino helped the Reds win the Champions League, Premier League, FA Cup, Super Cup, Club World Cup and Carabao Cup before an emotional farewell in 2023.

He told The Athletic: "There's always pressure when you play for a club as big as Liverpool but Alex just needs to relax and I'm sure the goals will come.

"You can't judge him on last season because he had bad injuries. It was a tough season for the club in general. But this is a new start and I'm sure he will grow in confidence.

"There's no better place to be a No 9, scoring goals and helping the team win games.

"Anfield is special and as long as you always give everything, then the fans stay right behind you. I believe in him."

FERNANDEZ . . . £120m

LOVE

From Back Page

Erling Haaland is absent. Quizzed yesterday on Ndiaye, Moyes added: "We've got nothing to be concerned about.

"We've had no contact from any club.

"Somebody told me we had contact from Al-Hilal in the summer but we heard nothing from them."

City are also ready to make a late bid for Chelsea's £120m-rated midfielder Enzo Fernandez, 25, who was left out of the Blues' Carabao Cup second-round win over Luton on Thursday.

Maresca's move for Ndiaye would leave the door open for Spurs to make a swoop for Gakpo.

But Liverpool want to complete the £120m signing of Paris Saint-Germain's Bradley Barcola before they sanction Gakpo's departure.

The Kop's summer-long pursuit of 23-year-old two-time Champions League winner Barcola is now poised to go through.

Once that happens Gakpo, 27, will be surplus to requirements at Anfield.

Liverpool are expected to want £65m-plus for the Dutch winger who won the Premier League and League Cup in his 3½ seasons as a Red.

Uefa Infa him with cash call

From MARTIN LIPTON in Monaco

UEFA bosses moved to reassure global minnows that ousting Fifa president Gianni Infantino will NOT cost them cash.

European football chiefs are determined to boot Infantino out after his abortive attempt to sell off stakes in the World Cup to private investors.

Uefa's leading nations have agreed to endorse a move to instigate criminal proceedings against Swiss boss Infantino.

It could see him face prosecution in Switzerland, with legal papers lodged in the USA.

Appeasing smaller Fifa nations over money worries, Uefa said: "Fifa currently has billions of dollars in reserves. This money belongs to the member associations.

"Together with other confederations, Uefa will jointly explore a responsible release of part of Fifa's reserves for the benefit of the member associations."

Uefa believe the legal threat — and a potential lengthy jail term if Infantino is guilty of financial impropriety — will help bounce him out of Fifa.

Euro chiefs want Canada's Victor Montagliani to replace Infantino.

PREMIER LGE

C PALACE

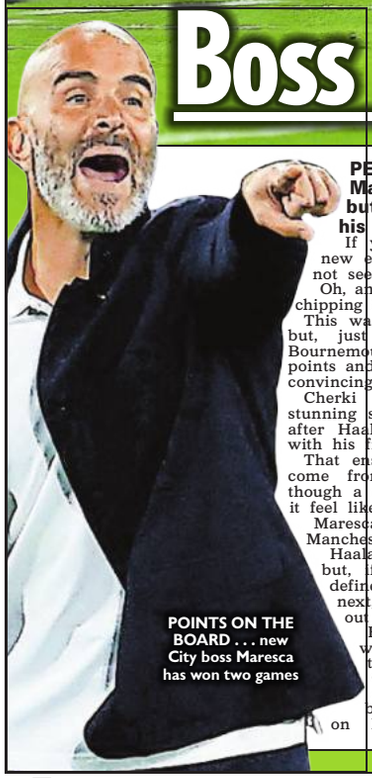
DONNARUMMA (OG) 56

ENZO'S RAY OF LIGHT

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man City	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Brighton	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Arsenal	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Brentford	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Everton	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Hull	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Chelsea	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Leeds	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Liverpool	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Newcastle	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Fulham	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Bournemouth	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Nottm Forest	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Man Utd	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Coventry	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Tottenham	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Crystal Palace	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Boss Maresca enjoys Selhurst



POINTS ON THE BOARD . . . new City boss Maresca has won two games

PEP GUARDIOLA left Enzo Maresca huge shoes to fill — but also a boy with magic in his boots.

By JACK ROSSER

If you need someone to build a new era around, Rayan Cherki does not seem like a bad bet.

Oh, and you can have Erling Haaland chipping in a few goals, too.

This was not vintage Manchester City but, just like last weekend against Bournemouth, they came away with three points and this time around it was more convincing.

Cherki scored twice — the first a stunning show of agility and strength — after Haaland had got the ball rolling with his first-half header.

That ensured City would not have to come from behind once again, even though a fast Crystal Palace start made it feel like that might be necessary.

Maresca wants more leaders in this Manchester City squad.

Haaland can do that from the front but, if there is a spirit needed to define what City might become next, it could be Cherki's — chest out and cheeky on the ball.

His first goal saw him deal with the entire Palace back three, wriggling around Jaydee Canvot, holding off Chris Richards before lazily prodding the ball in off Takehiro Tomiyasu, on his knees having been so roundly tucked up. The second, five minutes later and after Yeremy Pino's free-kick had given the hosts hope after going in via the crossbar, Gianluigi Donnarumma's back and an upright, saw him collect the ball, swivel, drive and unleash a powerful strike from range.

It flew past Dean Henderson with the help of another deflection. During the scouting of Cherki, City staff noted that he compared well to Kevin De Bruyne.

There is some way to go yet but the 23-year-old is certainly heading in the right direction.

Having made a surprise appearance in midfield – back at Selhurst Park for the first time since leaving in January – Marc Guehi slotted back into defence, with Nico O'Reilly alongside Elliot Anderson in the middle.

The rejig made sense but, early on, Maresca's men looked unable to gain any rhythm. They played – as was his way

HAALAND HAIRO

From Back Page

trust the system, and we trust Enzo Maresca and what he wants to do."

The prolific Haaland put City ahead with a looping header — their 2,000th Prem goal — before Cherki's solo effort doubled their lead after the break.

Yeremy Pino's free-kick, which went in off Gianluigi Donnarumma's back, briefly gave Crystal Palace a lifeline.

Cherki restored City's two-goal lead just before the hour mark with a deflected effort from distance. And Phil Foden, who assisted Cherki's first, then teed up Haaland to blast into the top corner to make it 4-1.

Despite his double, Cherki said: "I played so s**t in the first half.

"I need to show I want to play, want to score and give assists for Erling."

New boss Pierre Sage has lost both of his Prem games since taking charge of Palace after their 2-0 opening-day defeat at Everton.

24 ERLING HAALAND has scored 24 Premier League goals in 16 games in the month of August — only Andrew Cole (25 in 44 games) has scored more in August. The Norwegian has netted in all five of his Prem games at Selhurst Park.

IT'S TWO GRAND TOP SCORING PREM CLUBS

Manchester United	2,413	Chelsea	2,313
Arsenal	2,339	MANCHESTER CITY	2,003
Liverpool	2,333	Spurs	2,000

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1 MANCHESTER CITY 4

HAALAND 17, 84; CHERKI 54, 59

DON UP LIKE A KIPPER . . . the ball goes in off City No1 Donnarumma for an own goal

PALACE	MATCH STATS	MAN CITY
9	SHOTS	18
1	SHOTS ON TARGET	9
28%	POSSESSION	72%
281	PASSES	779
231	COMPLETED PASSES	721
13	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	33
2	CORNERS	6
8	FOULS CONCEDED	10
1/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	2/0
	MATCH TIME: 96m 17s	
	BALL IN PLAY: 63m 42s	

CLASS ACT . . . Cherki slides home City's second

Park Cherki shoot

at Chelsea – too slowly to get anything dangerous going, while the hosts had chances through Eddie Nketiah and Daichi Kamada.

But it did not take long for City to go through the gears and ramp up the pressure to find the opening.

Antoine Semenyo was given the space to lift a looping ball into the box from the left, where Haaland was able to slip through a shaky-looking Eagles defence to rise and head across goal.

The Norwegian, 26, has shown he is happy to score against anyone in the Premier League since arriving.

But he has a particular fondness for Crystal Palace. Not one league game against the Eagles has gone by without Haaland finding the net, these his ninth and tenth goals in six Prem meetings.

Pierre Sage's side have been beset by problems this week.

They were without Jean-Philippe Mateta and Ismaila Sarr through injuries mysteriously picked up while both are seeking moves elsewhere before Tuesday's transfer deadline.

Moroccan defender Chadi Riad could be out for the season with a torn ACL, while Daniel Munoz was benched with his future uncertain. So it would have been fair game, with a makeshift backline, for Palace to crumble from here.

If Phil Foden had been up to the standards we know he is capable of, then Palace probably would have done. City's struggling star was picked out, alone ten yards from goal, by Anderson but came closer to finding the Sainsbury's roof behind the Whitehorse Lane stand than the back of the net.

He saw another close-range header scrambled clear from the six-yard box moments later as Palace hung in. Foden was getting in good spots but whether it is cutting edge or confidence, something remains missing.

Sage's men remained a threat largely due to the talent of Adam Wharton alone. Overlooked by Thomas Tuchel, who was watching from the stands, for the World Cup and a target for City themselves this summer, he was on a mission to impress. And succeeding.

Wharton's range of passing, always fast and forwards, was on full display while he was often the one to drag the hosts up the pitch and out of danger.

It is surely too late for anyone to tempt Palace into a sale now but it feels a dereliction of duty from the bigger clubs not to have made an attempt.

But for all his fine efforts, Cherki then shoved everyone else out of the limelight and took a firm hold on the evening.

After an impressive performance last week, setting up both late goals, this flamboyant Frenchman has caught fire.

HOW THEY LINED UP

CRYSTAL PALACE: Henderson, Canvot, Richards, Tomiyasu (Disasi 74), Khalaili (Mingueza 75), Wharton, Kamada, Mitchell, Pino (Gozo 68), Nketiah (McNeil 68), Strand Larsen (Guessand 63). **MAN CITY:** Donnarumma, Khusanov (Reis 89), Dias, Guehi, Gvardiol (Kovacic 75), O'Reilly (Braithwaite 89), Anderson (Bouaddi 82), Foden, Cherki (McAidoo 82), Semenyo, Haaland.

UP ERL-Y . . . Haaland heads City's opener

ROCKET . . . Haaland blasts past Henderson for his second

PALACE have never won in 11 Premier League games played on a Friday (D4 L7) — only West Brom (32) and Norwich (17), both on Tuesdays, have played more on a day of the week without ever winning.

NEXT GAMES
SAT SEPT 5 3PM Premier League Fulham (away)
SAT SEPT 5 3PM Premier League Coventry (home)

WATKINS 'N EMERY

Tears for Ol times

Aston Villa v Arsenal

Monday, 8pm, sky sports talkSPORT

By CHARLIE WYETT

UNAI EMERY was reduced to TEARS after saying goodbye to Ollie Watkins.

The striker, 30, ended his six-year Aston Villa stay to join Saudi outfit Al-Hilal for £51million.

He was criticised over refusing to play in Sunday's 4-0 loss at Brighton.

But boss Emery, who has lost a host of stars this summer, said: "His commitment and his behaviour was fantastic.

"After Brighton he told us he was sorry.

"He was wrong but we accepted it. The players accepted it as he always had behaved very well.

"He's a fantastic guy. I told him goodbye with a huge hug and small tears.

"He is class and he has left a legacy here. But it's a new chapter here with Nicolas Jackson."

Jackson arrives for £65m from Chelsea with keeper Emi Martinez set to go the other way for £7.5m.

Villa hope the Senegal ace, 25, can play on Monday for the visit of Arsenal, who could hand a debut to Ezri Konsa against his former club.

JACKSON . . . unveiled

Mbaye is latest buy

By JAKE SANDERS

ASTON VILLA have agreed a £47million deal to sign Paris Saint-Germain forward Ibrahim Mbaye.

He will join Nicolas Jackson who was unveiled last night in a £65m switch from Chelsea.

The pair add to a new-look attack that includes £52m Johan Manzambi and loanee Alejandro Garnacho at Villa Park.

Mbaye *(right)* had been linked with Liverpool.

The 18-year-old has been with the French champions since 2018 and was on the bench for their Super Cup win over Villa this month.

He broke into their senior team two years ago and scored four goals and added four assists in 42 games.

Mbaye has won 15 caps for Senegal and scored a beauty against France at this summer's World Cup.

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HRGOVIC IT 'IM WITH SLAP

MOSES ITAUMA took a slap in the face from Filip Hrgovic on the eve of his world title mission.

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

An ugly clash ahead of tonight's IBF heavyweight fight saw the Croat hit back *(left)* after Brit star Itauma, 21, pushed him off stage at the weigh-in.

Hrgovic, 34, snarled: "You're just a little kid."

Moses is brewing — P61

TIDY FINISHES . . . Haaland made short work of Palace with two goals

A CUT-ABOVE

Haaland the hairo with double

C Palace.....1 Man City.....4

By JACK ROSSER

RAZOR-SHARP Erling Haaland got up and running this season with a ruthless double.

The Manchester City striker was on target for the first time since shaving his hair to make it two wins out of two for new boss Enzo Maresca – with Rayan Cherki also scoring twice.

Haaland said: "We played well. It's a step in the right direction. We have to

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CITY'S LATE MOVE

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EXCLUSIVE by KATHERINE WALSH

MANCHESTER CITY will target Everton's Iliman Ndiaye to complete their summer overhaul.

And that would clear the way for Tottenham to land City's secondary target – Liverpool ace Cody Gakpo.

The Toffees have set an £80million asking price for Senegal forward Ndiaye, 26, who has three years left on his deal and was linked to Saudi.

Everton boss David Moyes said: "A lot of stuff that floats around is not always true. Maybe this is true – but certainly, the stuff previous wasn't."

City manager Enzo Maresca believes Ndiaye's dribbling and ball-carrying abilities will add an extra dimension to his side's attacking armoury.

Maresca could then utilise Antoine Semenyo in a more central role if

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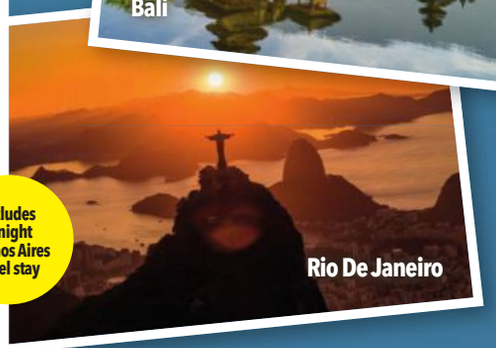

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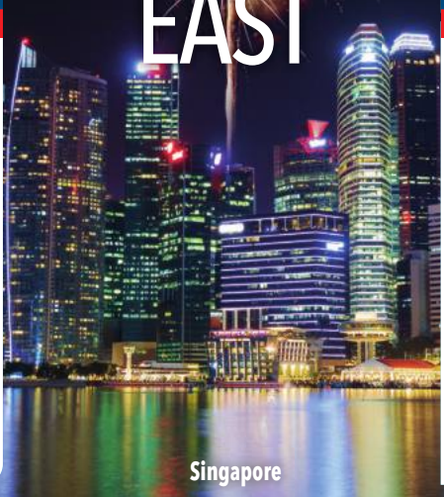

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Will into the Breach

WILLIAM MUIR reckons Breacher is the horse who can take him back into the big time at Sandown today.

The exciting two-year-old won easily on his debut in June and prompted his trainer to say: "He's the best horse I've had."

Speaking to Sunracing for an in-depth interview, the Lambourn trainer revealed his high hopes for the colt, who is one of the favourites for today's Solario Stakes (3.30). Muir (*right*), who enjoyed some brilliant days with Pyledriver, said: "Before his debut he did a piece of work off level weights with Ebt's Guard, who is a real quality, horse, and he left him behind.

"He worked with the same horse and did the same thing the other day, so we are very excited about running him."

Full interview — Pages 2-3

By JACK KEENE

THIRSK NEXT TO SLIP UP

FOUR of the six races at Thirsk were abandoned yesterday after jockeys reported horses were slipping on the bends in the opening race on the card. Bellewstown twice abandoned early this week for the same reason.

Aidan making waves

AIDAN O'BRIEN is hoping to make a splash this afternoon with the returning Great Barrier Reef.

The unbeaten colt was given a break after his impressive win in the Coventry at Ascot but is back in today's Round Tower Stakes (3.03) at the Curragh.

The Group 3 is being used as a stepping stone to the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket next month.

O'Brien (*right*) said: "Given he'd had three quite quick runs early in the season, the plan was always to give him a break through the summer and bring him back for the big races in the autumn.

"We've been thinking of the Middle Park for him and we just thought it was quite a long time between runs, so this is the perfect starting point back for him again."

"He should go very well."

Curragh colours — Page 8

By EAMONN HAMES

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LIFE IN THE FAST LANE

The Secret is out at Sandown for Ralph

SECRET's out in the Group 3 Atalanta Stakes at Sandown.

SECRET OF LIFE (2.50, nap) kept up her unbeaten record when winning a hot Listed contest over course and distance last time out in July.

She blasted off the from the front and kept up the gallop to run out a cosy winner in the end.

That was all the more impressive because of the rattling fast ground.

In an ideal world, she would prefer it a bit slower like it was when landing an easy Haydock success in May. She sat off the pace that day – as she did when winning on debut – so front-running isn't a must if there's loads of early pace on.

Even if the rain doesn't hit Esher, Ralph Beckett's daughter of Pinatubo has more than enough class.

She has improved with every run so far and looks every inch a Group performer in the making.

By TEMPLEGATE (Steve Mullen)

SPORTING LIFE . . . Secret Of Life had way too much class for her rivals when winning a Listed race here last month for trainer Ralph Beckett (*right*)

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But for one trainer and jockey this afternoon's Virgin Bet-sponsored feature – live on ITV4 – is massive.

Eve Johnson Houghton knows better than anyone her juvenile Group 1 hero **ZAVATERI** (3.10) needs to take the prize to play at the top table later in the season. The son of Without Parole has already played a huge part in Johnson Houghton's career.

If successful this afternoon, he will have banged in a third of the handler's victories at Group level.

The Blewbury trainer currently has 11 Group-race successes to her name, with three being landed by Zavateri, including last year's National Stakes at the Curragh.

As for jockey Charlie Bishop, he's fully aware of the impact Zavateri has had on his connections.

Bishop told me: "He's a horse who has enhanced our season this year, as has been shown with some nice two-year-olds that we were sent on the back of what he did.

"People have been investing and he's been a massive part of my career and that of Eve."

Bishop is a rider who doesn't often get headlines, but he's an interesting character.

His often pleasant and cheery outlook hides a steeliness and desire to succeed. As someone who has played padel with him in the last few months, I can only say I have feared for the metal mesh sidewalls when shots haven't gone his way. He likes winning.

Zavateri returned to action this season with a perfectly reasonable second in the Greenham at Newbury before a setback meant he missed the 2,000 Guineas.

When we eventually saw him again he finished a respectable fifth in the Sussex Stakes over today's distance and filled the same position in a big field for the 7f City Of York just the other day.

He kept on nicely then behind Notable Speech suggesting a mile is more his trip.

Bishop added: "I'm really looking forward to riding Zavateri at Goodwood.

"He goes there on the back of a good run in the City Of York and this looks a perfect fit for him.

"He's very special to me as my second Group 1 winner and he also won two Group 2s last year including the Vintage Stakes at Goodwood.

"We really hope we can get him back on track in a Group 2 with our future sights set on the Group 1 QEII Champions Day at Ascot for the backend of the season.

"It's hard to put into words how special Zavateri has been for us – Group 1 winners are very hard to get so when you get one you really have to appreciate them."

I love a Johnson Houghton interview after a big race, and really hope her pride and joy disposes of **Seagulls Eleven**, **Boiling Point** and shock former Sussex hero **Qirat**.

Over at Sandown this afternoon, all eyes are on youngsters in the Group 3 Solario Stakes (3.30), a race won in the past by the likes of To-Agori-Mou, Raven's Pass, Kingman, Masar, Too Darn Hot and Field Of Gold.

The latter was ridden superbly by Kieran Shoemark, who tries this time on Ed Walker's **Alfred Wallace**, arguably the form horse with a rating of 104 and a fourth in the Acomb to his name.

However, he's had six runs so far and there are some unexposed lurkers, none more so than **ROCK MONTREAL**, the Godolphin animal who cost one million guineas and won well on debut at Yarmouth.

William Buick rides for Roger Varian, and there's every chance he's a star in the making as he will improve a bundle for that debut success, too.

Back at Goodwood, I just wondered if **GALERON** (2.00) might play a part in the 7f Virgin Bet Handicap. The Charlie Hills inmate is a good loser, having failed to score since September of 2022.

Maybe he just doesn't like putting his head in front, but he's down to a workable mark of 93 and was second off that rating at Doncaster in October.

As most of you know he can also operate at a mile – he was fourth to Chaldean in the 2,000 Guineas of 2023 – and he was entered up tomorrow at Goodwood over that trip before this race was decided on.

I can't but help chance a few quid each-way on him!

Let's hope today is simply all about Eve! *Yeeehaaa!*

DREAM TEAM . . . Charles Bishop and Eve Johnson Houghton

This horse can take us back into the big time!

SAYS WILLIAM MUIR

CHEWING THE FAT . . . Sun man Jack Keene (right) talks to trainer William Muir ahead of Solario Stakes

SUNRACING – ALWAYS FIRST PAST THE POST – THE BEST RACING

FOR COLOURS AND TIPS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

WILL'S ALL-STARS . . . Breacher wins stylishly on debut at Salisbury and former star Pyledriver (*below*)

IT'S getting on for six o'clock at Kempton and a white horsebox with neat blue and yellow trim rumbles into the stable yard.

There is just one runner on board, the steadily improving three-year-old Cosmo Brown, who is quietly fancied in the last race of the evening.

Out pops his trainer, in a short-sleeved white shirt and blue tie, to help get him unloaded and settled into his box for the next few hours.

Fair to say it's unusual in this day and age to see a trainer, especially a multiple Group 1 winner, drive the horsebox to the races themselves.

But it's a habit, and to be honest a necessity, William Muir has never lost during his 35 years in the game.

He even ferried his best ever horse, Pyledriver, to Epsom and Ascot on the morning of his famous top-level wins.

There is hands-on and then there is Muir, who has never shied away from doing the dirty work at Linkslade Stables, which he now runs on a joint-licence with Chris Grassick.

His family ran a small stud farm near Lambourn, but he didn't inherit a racing operation and had to work just that little bit harder than most to get his foot in the door early on.

"My dad said to me when I was young, we might not leave you any money but you'll have the best legacy a man can have and that's knowing how to work," he says.

But it is a sign of the times that a well-established stable like Muir's, with 40 horses in the yard and a steady flow of at least decent horses, is still just about keeping it together financially.

In recent years, the costs of running a stable have sky-rocketed and everybody below the elite is feeling the pinch. He

By **JACK KEENE**

said: "I like to be busy and driving the horses myself, I'd drive myself mad otherwise, but if I hadn't have worked like I did and drove the box I wouldn't have been able to survive financially.

"We aren't raking in money, we are having to work and make ends meet, and since Chris has come on he has been a real grafter, too.

"It's tough, there is no question about it. If you ask 90 per cent of trainers, it's very tough now, but life is tough, and if you're prepared to graft and you don't weaken, it can be a great game and you should survive."

Training below the top-level is undoubtedly a challenging and stressful job, but Muir, 68, remains one of racing's, and life's, great optimists.

He smiles: "I get told often by my darling wife, who I married when I was 19, that I should tone it down. But my glass is always half full and hers is half empty, and it's a good combination."

We were told from day one that Pyledriver was the best horse he'd ever trained. He has had a touch of Aidan O'Brien-itis with others in the past, but with Pyledriver he was bang on.

That horse gave Muir his greatest days in racing, winning at Royal Ascot and York during Covid and coming back the following couple of years to win the Coronation Cup and King George, with memorable trips to Hong Kong and the Middle East along the way.

Nobody talks up the ability and potential of his horses like Muir, and it's been no different with **Breacher**, who runs in the Solario Stakes (3.30 Sandown) today.

The two-year-old won on his debut by nearly three lengths at Salisbury in late June, and his trainer was straight on the telly saying this could be his 'best ever'.

He said: "When I say he is the best I've trained, I meant as a two-year-old on debut. I thought Pyledriver would win first time out, but with this horse I knew he'd win.

"Pyledriver popped your eyes out when he cantered past you. It's hard to explain, it's just something different about the way they look and move. It's the same with this horse, from day one he has looked a very special individual.

"We were going for the Stonehenge Stakes with him but something pricked me, I wasn't totally happy with a piece of work so we had the vet come and check his bloods.

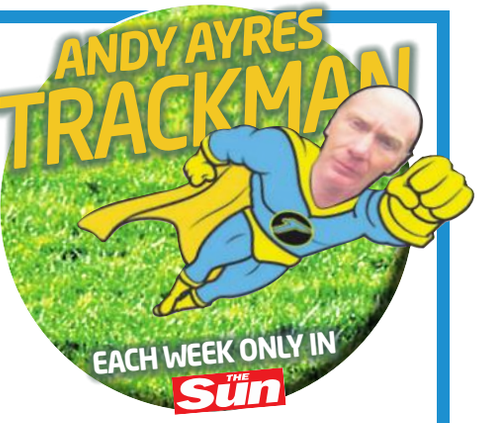
"His white blood cells were through the roof, so we didn't declare him. It took from then until the end of last week for him to come right and his work last week was just brilliant and he looks tremendous.

"For a yard like ours it's hugely exciting. We can dream of bigger and better things. Hopefully he takes us back to the big time."

Cosmo Brown runs well to finish second in the 8.51. Muir debriefs the owners, helps wash him down and loads him back on the box for the two-hour drive home.

When he drives Breacher home this evening, he'll be hoping he's got the next Pyledriver in tow.

ANDY AYRES TRACKMAN



Roger ready to land a KO

KOKBASTAU can KO his rivals in the 2.15 at Sandown.

Red-hot Roger Varian's (*below*) ball of muscle looked the real deal when he landed a monster tickle in a handy heat on the all-weather last time.

Connections are already eyeing up top pots later in the season, and their pride and joy should be good enough to have this lot for dinner.

Talking of which, those bookie chappies choked on their sandwiches when Andrew Balding's Nakila Sun (5-2 to 13-8) took fortunes out of the ring at Windsor.

Punters' pal Oisin Murphy was the toast of the terraces after nudging that improver home. But our gong for ride of the week goes to pint-sized Isobelle Chalmers who gave Floating Market a belter to chin Billy Loughnane in a squeaky bum finish at Lingfield.

Busy Izzy has performed miracles to bounce back after doing something nasty to her knee, and the pocket rocket could be a headline grabber on the sand this winter.

Meanwhile, George Scott's cunning crew are watching the weather for their feisty filly **FORTY YEARS ON** (2.00, Goodwood).

Gung-ho George's cash converter didn't come out of second gear to batter B-listers at Newbury in June. Scotty's soft ground specialist has been hamstrung by a heatwave since then. But the Met Office maestros are forecasting floods on the South Downs, so this could be D-Day.

By the way, Kempton's money men were tickled pink when Nicky Henderson pencilled in next Saturday's September Stakes for people's champ Constitution Hill. Hendo's hero is guaranteed to get turnstiles clicking, and I'm told the Sunbury circuit's chiefs expect to flog an extra 1,000 tickets if he makes the journey.

Sir Mark Prescott has never been frightened of travel, and he is itching to send his tungsten-tough mare Tiffany to Kentucky for a $2 million dust up next weekend.

The battling Baronet's bruiser has clocked up more air miles than Biggles, and connections reckon she can fly home in front before having a crack at the Breeders' Cup.

My pal 'Tommy the twitcher' loves a spot of birdwatching. Mind you, the old rogue has only just worked out why owls don't mate in the rain – apparently, it's too wet to woo.

Anyway, Tom chews the fat with some HQ gallop gurus, and they are getting jiggy about **ROCK MONTREAL** in the Solario Stakes (3.30, Sandown).

Sheikh Mo's Godolphin gang splashed out a million nicker to buy this fella, and he looked a cut above in a seaside saunter at Yarmouth last time.

The boys in blue have got their young gun entered in everything bar the Postcode Lottery, and he can come up trumps.

William Haggas's fan club pulled an ace out of the hat when Infraad did the bizzo in a big'un at York last weekend, and the same faces are playing up their ill-gotten on **HIGH DEGREE** (2.35, Goodwood).

The Newmarket natterers reckon this step up in trip is just what the doctor ordered, so he should go close under canny Cieren Fallon.

Favourite WE'RE THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST FOR

Templegate's Pinstickers' guide to the Solario Stakes

FAN BOY

By STEVE MULLEN

MIA FANTASIA looks magic in the Group 3 BetMGM Solario Stakes (3.30 Sandown).

Marco Ghiani stays on this talented two-year-old after getting a real tune out of him at York last time. The pair won a hot nursery with ease and he looks overpriced going up in class.

Rock Montreal cost Godolphin a million as a yearling and looked promising on debut at Yarmouth last time, while unbeaten **Sonic Angel** is another coming here on the back of an impressive win.

Here's my guide to the race:

ALFRED WALLACE ★★★

SOLID Wall. Has plenty of experience and brings solid Group 3 form, having finished fourth in the Acomb at York just 10 days ago. Earlier won a Listed contest at Ascot and is proven over today's trip and conditions provided it doesn't get too soft. Needs another step forward but he is in the each-way picture.

BREACHER ★★★★

BREACH in. Created a strong impression on his only start, overcoming greenness to forge clear by two and a half lengths in a 7f Salisbury maiden on good ground. This is a sizeable jump into Group 3 company but the stiffer track should suit and there should be plenty more to come. Should be right there.

DOVER STREET ★★

DOVER sole. Took a fair step forward from his Kempton debut when runner-up in a valuable 7f maiden at York eight days ago. Kept on well on good to soft and is expected to improve again but this is another kettle of fish so he has plenty to find.

Mia the one they all fear

FIREHORSE ★

FIRE out. Won over 6f on the all-weather first time out and ran respectably when fifth behind Alfred Wallace in a 7f Listed contest on good to firm. However, he was well beaten when upped to a mile at Salisbury last time. Drops back to a proven trip with a first-time hood but others have stronger claims.

GREEN SOVEREIGN ★

SOV sob. Looked promising when thrashing his rivals in a 6f maiden on good to soft in May, then finished eighth in Listed company at Ascot which wasn't a bad run. His first attempt at 7f produced a disappointing 12-length last in a Group 2 on good to firm. Has had seven weeks off but must leave that latest effort well behind to figure.

KODIAC CITY ★★★

KODIAC in frame. Made a winning debut over just beyond a mile on Southwell's all-weather, despite starting very slowly and meeting trouble before producing a sharp burst to score by two lengths. Clearly has scope to improve but dropping to 7f on turf while jumping straight into Group 3 company asks a question. Could nick a place.

MIA FANTASIA ★★★★★

FAN-tastic. Exciting improver who destroyed an 18-runner York nursery over 7f on soft ground nine days ago, powering from the rear to win with loads in the tank. He showed a sharp turn of pace at a meeting where not many won from the rear. He's fine on quicker ground too and deserved that Knavesmire win after a luckless run at Goodwood. Faces Group horses now, but he's a big player at a big price for Hugo Palmer (*inset*).

ROCK MONTREAL ★★★★

ROCK on. Seven-figure yearling who could hardly have been more impressive on his 7f debut at Yarmouth. Travelled strongly before quickening clear under hands and heels to score by nearly three lengths on firm ground. This is hotter company after just one run and a lot of rain might be a concern but there's clearly loads of talent there.

SONIC ANGEL ★★★★

SONIC boom. Unbeaten in two all-weather starts and took a major leap forward when cruising home by five and a half lengths over 7f at Kempton 10 days ago. This Dark Angel colt made all and quickened clear impressively, suggesting he is ready for this rise in grade. Turf is the unknown but there's no reason why he won't be just as good on it. The Crisfords are in nick and he's right in the mix.

MAMMA MIA . . . Marco Ghiani and Mia Fantasia show them a clean pair of heels at York

SANDOWN COLOURS

TEMPLEGATE

1.40 ..... Thi Qar
2.15 ..... My Love Is King
2.50 SECRET OF LIFE (nap)
3.30 ..... Mia Fantasia
4.05 ..... Silver Ghost
4.35 ..... Sonny Parvenue
5.10 ..... Rosario

TOM PEPPER

1.40 ..... Tall Trees
2.15 ..... King's Charter
2.50 ..... Calendar Girl
3.30 ..... Breacher
4.05 ..... Desert Shadow
4.35 ..... Sonny Parvenue
5.10 ..... Hypnotised

TIC-TAC: Right-handed galloping oval of 1m 5f with 4f uphill run-in. **DRAW:** Low best in sprints, especially in large fields. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 268 have won out of 783 races (34.2%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 57 have won out of 176 races (32.4%). **LIVE ON RACING TV**

HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: C Appleby 8 wins from 19 runners; R Varian 7 from 18; M Prescott 6 from 18; S & E Crisford 6 from 20; J & T Gosden 6 from 22; E Bethell 6 from 26; W Haggas 9 from 47.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: W Buick 7 wins from 28 rides; L Morris 10 from 46; K Fraser 4 from 19; R Dawson 6 from 31; O Murphy 11 from 61; M Ghiani 6 from 39; Rossa Ryan 5 from 34; S M Levey 5 from 35.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: H Main 49; S Pearce 41; D M Simcock 41; D Menuisier 38; R Hannon 26; P McEntee 24.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: A Rawlinson 24; M Ghiani 15; P Bradley 15; S James 14.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 J & T Gosden 30-138, C Appleby 23-90, W Haggas 21-99, R Beckett 20-110, A Balding 20-174, A King 17-87, R Hannon 17-146, R Varian 15-64, O Burrows 8-27. **THIS SEASON:** R Hannon 8, C Appleby 6, J & T Gosden 5, R Beckett 3.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 W Buick 35-180, O Murphy 25-182, Rossa Ryan 18-151, R Havlin 11-79, K Shoemark 11-105, R Dawson 9-38, P Dobbs 9-53, L Edmunds 8-40, L Morris 8-43, S M Levey 7-83. **THIS SEASON:** O Murphy 4, W Buick 4, P Dobbs 4, R Dawson 4.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: No qualifiers.
RACEFAX: None Today.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Waasil (4.35) trained by K R Burke, Leyburn, round trip of 498 miles; **Noche Clasica** (2.50) trained by E Bethell, Middleham, round trip of 490 miles; **Love Dynasty** (2.50), K Ryan, Hambleton, round trip 480 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Rock Montreal (3.30) opened 4-7 won at 2-5f; **Sonic Angel** (3.30) opened 5-2 won at 7-4; **Noble Prince** (4.35) opened 8-15 second at 2-5f; **Secret Of Life** (2.50) opened 5-2 won at 2-1f.
TOP EARNERS
2.50 **Calendar Girl** £301,819
2.50 **Pacific Mission** £196,503
2.15 **The Glen Rovers** £168,958
4.05 **Mister Bluebird** £159,910
2.15 **Involvement** £149,797
2.15 **Crown Of Oaks** £137,589

UNDER ORDERS

VISORED FIRST TIME: 2.15 My Love Is King.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 2.15 **Flying Frontier** (won off 95 down 4lb to 91); 4.05 **God Of War** (won off 93 down 4lb to 89); 5.10 **Roach Power** (won off 79 down 3lb to 76); **Rosario** (won off 94 down 9lb to 85) **JOB JOCKEY:** C Rodriguez rides **Crown Of Oaks** (2.15) for W Haggas, 5 from 13, 38%. R Ryan rides **Alanah Bananah** (1.40) for W Haggas, 4 from 11, 36%. T Moore rides **King's Charter** (2.15) for C Appleby, 6 from 17, 35%. C Rodriguez rides **Defence Minister** (4.05) for H Al Jehani, 4 from 13, 31%.

1.40 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (2) 2YO; winner £20,616; 7f (9 runners)

1 **ALANAH BANANAH**
(9) W Haggas 9-2 ..... **Rossa Ryan** —
From stout family, bred to progress with racing, yard can ready one

2 62 **BASSRAH 101 (BF)**
(5) C Fellowes 9-2 ..... **Paddy Bradley** 93
Runs: 2 Places: 1 £10,140
Improved latest, extra furlong should suit, maybe one for nurseries

3 **EMPRESS JINGU**
(1) A Balding 9-2 ..... **Oisin Murphy** —
Bred to stay, yard flying, 80k yearling, yard can get them ready first time

4 **FLOWER SHOW**
(3) C Appleby 9-2 ..... **William Buick** —
Well-bred newcomer from a high-class juvenile family, high on list

5 **LADY RANYA**
(6) H Charlton 9-2 ..... **Lewis Edmunds** —
Winners around this trip in pedigree, might need more time, watched

6 7 **ORTANIQUE 9**
(7) Sir M Prescott 9-2 ..... **Luke Morris** 78
Runs: 1 £0
Green on debut when 18-1, looks one for down the line, best watched

7 5823 **TALL TREES 37**
(2) B Meehan 9-2 ..... **Jamie Spencer** ●99
Runs: 4 Places: 2 £15,586
Listed third here latest after meeting trouble, one to beat on paper

8 2 **THI QAR 21**
(4) J & T Gosden 9-2 ..... **Robert Havlin** 97
Runs: 1 Places: 1 £9,668
Promising debut second when green, big player if kicking on from that

9 **VICTORIA NIGHT**
(8) R Hannon 9-2 ..... **Pat Dobbs** —
180k buyback as a yearling, winners in pedigree, trip fine, interesting

BETTING: 5-2 Tall Trees, 11-4 Thi Qar, 9-2 Flower Show, 6 Bassrah, 8 Alanah Bananah, 10 Empress Jingu, 20 Victoria Night, 25 Lady Ranya, 66 Ortanique
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 1 1 1
2025: Deedaydiva 9-2, H Crouch 2-1 Fav (A King), drw 2, 7 ran.

Sunracing FORM

BASSRAH (9-2) 9-4 fav prominent, ridden 2f out, kept on final furlong, went second final 110yds, btn 1l by Peaceful Warrior (9-7) (8 ran) (Yarmouth 6f nov (2) £21,600 good).
ORTANIQUE (9-2) 18-1 slowly into stride, in last, chased along over 4f out, soon tailed off, 7th of 8 (btn 19l) to Spirited Gesture (9-9) (Newcastle 7f fll nov stks (3) £7,020 AW).
TALL TREES (9-2) 9-2 held up, not clear run and switched left 1f out, kept on well towards finish, 3rd of 8 (btn 1¾l) to Aperoll (9-2) (Sandown 7f Listed (1) £31,190 good to firm).
THI QAR (9-2) 9-1 midfield, smooth progress 2f out, ridden 1f out, led final furlong, headed finish, btn nk by Lex Victoria (9-2) (6 ran) (Newmarket 7f mdn (2) £20,616 good to firm).
ALANAH BANANAH Too Darn Hot filly out of Betty Crean L A.
EMPRESS JINGU Kameko filly out of Cape Helles.
FLOWER SHOW Dubawi filly out of Raffle Prize.
LADY RANYA Camelot filly out of Heavenly Song.
VICTORIA NIGHT Night Of Thunder filly out of Al Mahmeyah.

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

1.40

THI QAR can star after a really promising Newmarket debut. The Gosdens' pricey filly shaped like a winner waiting to happen when beaten just a neck over this trip on good to firm three weeks ago. She showed her inexperience but kept responding and it was a narrow defeat. That experience should sharpen her plenty and she can get off the mark. The obvious danger is **Tall Trees**. She was second over 7f on good to firm before a close third in a Listed race over this course and distance, meeting trouble before staying on strongly. A repeat of that would take her close. **Flower Show** is the most interesting newcomer. The Dubawi filly represents Charlie Appleby and is out of a Queen Mary winner. **Bassrah** should appreciate this step up to 7f after her Yarmouth second but needs to find more.

2.15 ZYN FRONTRUNNER FINISH HANDICAP (2) winner £23,193; 1m 2f (13 runners)

1 1131-7 **CROWN OF OAKS 62 (T★;D)**
(8) W Haggas 4-10-2 ..... **Callum Rodriguez** 94
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 3 £137,589
Poor return in Group 3, good ground and trip suit, fair mark on old form

2 11-924 **KING'S CHARTER 169 (P★;D)**
(11) C Appleby 4-10-2 ..... **Toby Moore (7)** 95
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £76,315
Stayed on over mile latest, return to longer trip suits, good claimer up, threat

3 134638 **INVOLVEMENT 28 (D)**
(7) S & E Crisford 5-10-1 .. **Mason Paetel (3)** 91
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £149,797
Below form Group 3, easier grade helps, trip and ground should suit

4 4662-0 **CASH 77**
(13) D Simcock 7-9-11 ..... **Jamie Spencer** 85
Runs: 14 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 4 £78,332
Offered little on return, longer trip should suit, mark has eased further

5 6-311 **KOKBASTAU 17**
(9) R Varian 3-9-7 ..... **Ray Dawson** ●99
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2A) £16,248
Bolted up on handicap debut latest, plenty more to come, exciting

6 7-3360 **TRIBAL CHIEF 29**
(2) D Menuisier 5-9-4 ..... **Sean Levey** 92
Runs: 21 Wins: 5 (F,2S,A,G) Places: 5 £89,793
Below form latest and starts slowly, longer trip unproven, ground suits

7 9-8448 **FLYING FRONTIER 36 (P★;CD)**
(12) J Tate 6-9-3 ..... **Luke Morris** 95
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (F,3G) Places: 3 £75,021
Shocker latest, return here and shorter trip help, also proven on ground

8 14-542 **ALCARATH 78 (BF,D)**
(1) A King 4-9-2 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 98
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £18,124
Back to form when narrowly denied here latest, on a tempting mark

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GOING: GOOD

9 33-130 **LOVE BEACH 78 (D)**
(5) J Fanshawe 4-9-2 ..... **Kaiya Fraser** 91
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 3 £22,768
Better than latest result after interference, trip suits, any rain a plus

10 1-228 **MY LOVE IS KING 72 (V★)**
(4) J & T Gosden 3-9-1 ..... **Robert Havlin** 96
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £26,132
Below form in Group 3 latest, easier company helps, bit to prove now

11 851994 **THE GLEN ROVERS 35 (D)**
(10) L Wadham 7-9-1 ..... **William Buick** 90
Runs: 18 Wins: 6 (6A) Places: 1 £167,753
Creditable fourth latest, quick ground and distance suit, easing mark

12 -90410 **STEM 21 (CD)**
(6) R Hannon 4-9-1 ..... **Pat Dobbs** 96
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (F,S) Places: 2 £52,197
Latest run best ignored after saddle slipped, previous win was solid

13 1-8159 **GONNA FLY 30 (D)**
(3) R Beckett 3-8-12 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 87
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (S,F) £13,969
Fair latest despite hanging badly, needs a more polished display, risky

BETTING: 3 Kokbastau, 4 My Love Is King, 9-2 King's Charter, 7 Crown Of Oaks, 8 Alcarath, 12 Stem, 14 Tribal Chief, Involvement

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 5-0 0 3 1

2025: Saddadd 3-9-5, R Dawson 3-1 Fav (R Varian), drw 6, 12 ran.

Sunracing FORM

CROWN OF OAKS (9-9) 6-1 tracked leaders, driven 3f out, weakened, last of 7 (btn 13l) to Purview (9-9) (Curragh 1¼m Grp 3 (1) €60,000 good).
KING'S CHARTER (9-11) pressed leader, disputed lead over 3f out, pushed along over 1f out, readily, 4th of 14 (btn 4¾l) to Archivist (9-2) (Meydan 1m hcap £37,311 good).
INVOLVEMENT (9-3) 28-1 in touch, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, last of 8 (btn 7l) to Enjaar (9-3) (Goodwood 1¼m Grp 3 (1) £62,381 good to firm).
CASH (10-3) 22-1 in rear, pushed along over 2f out, never involved, 10th of 12 (btn 12l) to Beagle Bay (9-5) (Sandown 1m hcap (2) £18,039 good).
KOKBASTAU (9-6) 11-10 fav led, switched right 2f out, quickened clear, bt Bulletin (10-1) 5l (12 ran) (Kempton 1¼m hcap (3) £8,246 AW).
TRIBAL CHIEF (9-0) 11-2 rear, ridden 2f out, headway final furlong, 12th of 18 (6¾l) to Archivist (9-12) (Goodwood 1m hcap (2) £90,195 good to firm).
FLYING FRONTIER (9-9) 25-1 in touch, ridden 2f out, never in contention, 8th of 9 (btn 11l) to Al Azd (9-5) (Ascot 1¼m hcap (2) £23,193 good to firm).
ALCARATH (9-6) 11-4 jt fav midfield, ridden 1f out, kept on, held finish, btn hd by Dangerman (9-6) (14 ran) (Sandown 1¼m hcap (3) £7,731 good).
LOVE BEACH (9-1) 7-1 midfield, ridden 3f out, kept on late, no danger, 10th of 16 (6¾l) to Antipodes (9-4) (York 1¼m hcap (2) £36,078 good).
MY LOVE IS KING (9-2) 18-1 midfield, outpaced 2f out, kept on late, 8th of 10 (btn 6¾l) to Generic (9-2) (Ascot 1¼m Grp 3 (1) £99,242 good to firm).
THE GLEN ROVERS (9-12) 12-1 in touch, ridden 2f out, edged left 1f out, stayed on same pace, 4th of 10 (btn 12l) to Likealot (10-0) (York 1¼m hcap (3) £15,462 good to firm).
STEM (9-6) 9-2 mid-division, lost position quickly 3f out, in rear when eased 2f out, last of 10 (well btn) to Asgard's Captain (9-8) (Ascot 1¼m hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).
GONNA FLY (9-4) 28-1 in touch, driven 2f out, no threat, 9th of 14 (btn 4l) to Ciarraí Abú (8-9) (Goodwood 1¼m hcap (2) £61,848 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.15

MY LOVE IS KING looks ready to make his mark in handicaps after mixing it in stronger company. The Gosden colt chased home Maltese Cross at Newbury before stepping up when second in a Listed event over 1m2f at Newmarket. He failed to land a blow when eighth in the Group 3 Hampton Court at Royal Ascot, but this is much more his level. **Kokbastau** is a danger after thrashing 11 Kempton handicap rivals by five lengths. He is improving rapidly although this drop from 1m4f poses a question. **Alcarath** went down by just a neck over C&D in June and commands respect, while **King's Charter** returns to a suitable trip after two solid Meydan efforts. **Crown Of Oaks** could also bounce back after needing his comeback at the Curragh in June.

2.50 ATALANTA STAKES (FILLIES & MARES GRP 3) (1) winner £53,874; 1m (10 runners)

1 17-241 **KON TIKI 35 (D)**
(1) J Chapple-Hyam 4-9-9 ... **Oisin Murphy** 97
Runs: 7 Wins: 4 (2F,2A) Places: 1 £131,552
Career best in Group 3 latest, mile & quick ground suit, major player

2 /43-42 **LOVE DYNASTY 84 (D)**
(3) K Ryan 5-9-6 ..... **Neil Callan** 92
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 2 £47,407
Solid second latest, mile fine but quicker ground remains unknown

3 4116-5 **MAEVA 134 (CD)**
(6) C Fellowes 4-9-6 ..... **Paddy Bradley** 85
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (S,A) £12,995
Below best on return, proven here, ground is an unanswered question

4 1-1405 **NOCHE CLASICA 21 (D)**
(7) E Bethell 4-9-6 ..... **Robert Havlin** 84
Runs: 10 Wins: 4 (GS,3G) Places: 1 £59,300
Back to form in Listed latest, mile and quick ground suit, needs more

5 1211-1 **CALENDAR GIRL 21 (D)**
(5) O Burrows 3-9-0 .... **Callum Rodriguez** ●99
Runs: 5 Wins: 4 (F,GS,2G) Places: 1 £301,819
Progressive, Listed win on return, big chance again, looks on the up

6 612 **CAP SANTA LUCIA 83 (D)**
(9) B Meehan 3-9-0 ..... **Jamie Spencer** 90
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £28,930
Improved markedly latest, mile and good ground suit, more needed

7 738-43 **MOON TARGET 27**
(2) Sir M Prescott 3-9-0 ..... **Luke Morris** 96
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 3 £114,894
Excellent Group 1 third latest, mile and ground suit, leading claims

8 22-532 **PACIFIC MISSION 21**
(10) A Balding 3-9-0 ... **Callum Hutchinson** 94
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £196,503
Back to best when Listed second latest, ground suits, each-way play

9 1-11 **SECRET OF LIFE 56 (CD)**
(8) R Beckett 3-9-0 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 97
Runs: 3 Wins: 3 (S,F,A) £43,098
Impressive winner here latest, on upward trajectory, leading fancy

10 3-112 **SO REGAL 106 (D)**
(4) J & T Gosden 3-9-0 ..... **William Buick** 98
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 £46,956
Strong Listed second latest, open to further progress, fancied in this

BETTING: 5-2 Kon Tiki, 3 Moon Target, 4 Calendar Girl, 5 Secret Of Life, 10 So Regal, 12 Pacific Mission, 20 Cap Santa Lucia

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7-8 2 1 1 5

2025: Lady Of Spain 4-9-6, R Dawson 14-1 (R Varian), drw 14, 13 ran.

Sunracing FORM

KON TIKI (9-5) 7-2 handy in second, led 2f out and pushed along, forged away 1f out and ridden, stayed on well, bt Esna (9-11) 1¾l (8 ran) (Ascot 1m Grp 3 (1) £53,874 good to firm).
LOVE DYNASTY (9-8) 10-1 in touch, effort 2f out, stayed on final furlong, no chance with easy winner, btn 8¼l by Sparks Fly (9-11) **PACIFIC MISSION** (8-10) 15-2 in touch, progress 2f out, ridden 1f out, no extra late, 3rd (btn 11l) (7 ran) (Epsom 1m Grp 3 (1) £70,888 good to soft).
MAEVA (10-2) 11-1 midfield, pushed along over 2f out, soon held, last of 5 (btn 7½l) to Politely (8-3) (W'hampton 1m 1f hcap (3) £7,956 AW).
CALENDAR GIRL (8-11) 13-2 midfield, pushed along 3f out, in touch with leaders 2f out, headway to lead final furlong, kept on, bt **PACIFIC MISSION** (8-11) 12-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, headway final furlong, kept on, not reach winner, 1¼l **NOCHE CLASICA** (9-4) 15-2 midfield, headway 2f out, every chance late on, faded, 5th (2¾l) (10 ran) (Haydock 1m Listed (1) £39,697 good).
CAP SANTA LUCIA (8-11) 11-4 led at steady pace, challenged 1f out, no extra, btn 1l by Fortuna Diamond (8-11) (10 ran) (ParisLongchamp 1m Listed £20,785 good to soft).
MOON TARGET (8-11) 18-1 led, ridden and headed 1f out, no extra, 3rd of 8 (btn 2¼l) to Blue Bolt (9-4) (Deauville 1m Grp 1 (1) £141,669 good to soft).
SECRET OF LIFE (9-2) 2-1 fav made all, pushed along 2f out, clear final furlong, kept on, bt Silenciosa (9-2) 2¾l (8 ran) (Sandown 1m Listed (1) £34,026 good to firm).
SO REGAL (9-2) 7-2 led early, pushed along 2f out, headed final 110yds, no extra final 50yds, btn 1¼l by Lilt (9-2) **PACIFIC MISSION** (9-2) 3-1 fav prominent, pushed along over 2f out, soon ridden, no extra inside final furlong, 5th (btn 4¾l) (7 ran) (York 1m Listed (1) £39,697 good).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

2.50

SECRET OF LIFE can preserve her perfect record with another leap forward. Ralph Beckett's filly is three from three and looked ready for this Group 3 step when brushing aside Listed rivals over C&D last month. She made all that day and had only to be pushed out to score. She goes on any ground, stays and is on the upgrade. **Moon Target** sets a serious standard after finishing fourth in the Coronation Stakes and third in another Group 1 at Deauville. Dropping to Group 3 company makes her dangerous. **Kon Tiki** must concede weight after landing an Ascot Group 3 over this trip last month but can go well. **Calendar Girl** is another threat. She made it four wins from five when taking a Haydock Listed prize on return and has already landed a Group 3. Rain could be an issue for her as she likes it fast.

3.30 BETMGM SOLARIO STAKES (GROUP 3) (1) 2-Y-O; winner £42,532; 7f (10 runners)

1 510514 **ALFRED WALLACE 10 (D)**
(7) E Walker 9-3 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** 93
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (F,G) £59,397
Listed winner before solid Group 3 fourth, conditions suit, strong claims

2 1 **BREACHER 60 (D)**
(4) W Muir & C Grassick 9-3 **Lewis Edmunds** 95
Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (F) £7,020
Impressive debut winner, open to progress, this demands much more

3 52 **DOVER STREET 8**
(9) R Hannon 9-3 ..... **Pat Dobbs** 89
Runs: 2 Places: 1 £24,170
Much improved latest, going the right way, unproven on quicker going

4 156 **FIREHORSE 17 (H★)**
(5) S Woods 9-3 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 88
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (A) £8,431
Well beaten latest, drop in trip helps, quick ground suits, needs more

5 5187 **GREEN SOVEREIGN 49**
(2) H Eustace 9-3 ..... **Kaiya Fraser** 87
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (GS) £15,462
Poor in Group 2 latest, stamina to prove, looks versatile on ground

6 1 **KODIAC CITY 23**
(8) R Hughes 9-3 ..... **Jamie Spencer** 90
Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (A) £5,400
Impressive debut win on AW, should improve but turf is unproven

7 1361 **MIA FANTASIA 9 (D)**
(10) H Palmer 9-3 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 91
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 1 £62,013
Stylish handicap winner at York, progressive, below this level before

8 1 **ROCK MONTREAL 15 (D)**
(3) R Varian 9-3 ..... **William Buick** 98
Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (F) £7,020
Impressive debut winner on firm, looked a smart prospect, strong claims

9 191 **SERGEI DIAGHILEV 22**
(6) A O'Brien (Ire) 9-3 ..... **non-runner** 94
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (2G) £37,190
Bounced back latest, drop in trip is a query, pulled out after decs

10 11 **SONIC ANGEL 10 (D)**
(1) S & E Crisford 9-3 ..... **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 2 Wins: 2 (2A) £12,420
Two stylish AW wins, progressive but turf an unknown, interesting

BETTING: 2 Rock Montreal, 7-2 Sonic Angel, 4 Breacher, 11 Alfred Wallace, 14 Mia Fantasia, 20 Kodiac City, 25 Dover Street, Green Sovereign, 33 Firehorse

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 1 1 1

2025: A Bit Of Spirit 9-3, R Ryan 2-1 Fav (C Cox), drw 1, 6 ran.

Sunracing FORM

ALFRED WALLACE (9-3) 17-2 rear, headway 2f out, faded final furlong, 4th of 10 (btn 3½l) to Haffner (9-3) (York 7f Grp 3 (1) £39,242 good).
BREACHER (9-7) 12-1 mid-division, ridden final furlong, asserted, bt Squadron (9-7) 2½l (8 ran) (Salisbury 7f mdn (3) £7,020 good to firm).
DOVER STREET (9-7) 40-1 midfield, good headway 1f out, kept on but no match for winner, btn 2l by Benjamin Hornigold (9-7) (14 ran) (York 7f mdn (2) £51,540 good to soft).
FIREHORSE (9-3) 22-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, dropped away over 1f out, last of 6 (btn 17l) to Quest For Stars (9-3) (Salisbury 1m Listed (1) £31,190 good to firm).
ALFRED WALLACE (9-3) 18-1 led, headed 1f out, faded final furlong, 5th of 7 (btn 4l) to Al Hudaiba (9-3) **GREEN SOVEREIGN** (9-3) 40-1 held up in rear, ridden 2f out, weakened 1f out, last (btn 12l) (Newmarket 7f Grp 2 (1) £70,888 good to firm).
KODIAC CITY (9-7) 15-2 rear, headway 2f out, pushed out final furlong, bt Baarberini (9-4) 2l (8 ran) (Southwell 1m nov stks (4) £5,400 AW).
MIA FANTASIA (8-8) 3-1 fav rear, pushed along 3f out, headway to lead 2f out, ridden 1f out, ran on, bt Theheatison (8-2) 2½l (18 ran) (York 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).
ROCK MONTREAL (9-7) 2-5 fav midfield, progress 1f out, led 1f out, went clear near finish, comfortably, bt Mino (9-7) 2¾l (6 ran) (Yarmouth 7f nov stks (3) £7,020 good to firm).
SERGEI DIAGHILEV (9-5) 5-2 prominent, pushed along straight, led 2f out, kept on well, bt City of Dubai (9-5) ¾l (6 ran) (Gowran Park 1m Listed (1) €30,000 good).
SONIC ANGEL (9-11) 7-4 made most, quickened 1f out, clear final furlong, bt Liberty's Hall (9-4) 5¼l (12 ran) (Kempton 7f nov stks (3) £7,020 AW).

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4.05 BETMGM APP HANDICAP (3) value to the winner £7,731; 7f (10 runners)

1 9-1007 **DEFENCE MINISTER 31 (D)**
(4) H Al Jehani 4-10-0 ... **Callum Rodriguez** 92
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (A,GS,G) Places: 2 £33,572
Back on track latest, conditions suit, today's mark looks workable now

2 -05211 **DESERT SHADOW 23 (V;CD)**
(10) S bin Suroor 4-9-13 ..... **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 5 £30,097
Impressive latest, quick ground proven, thriving since dropping in trip

3 6-3200 **SILVER GHOST 31 (D)**
(2) E Lavelle 4-9-10 ..... **Ray Dawson** 88
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 4 £95,700
Two poor efforts lately, quick ground suits, current form is a concern

4 1/229- **SHAMEFUL 436**
(8) C Cox 4-9-9 ..... **Rossa Ryan** 86
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 £13,467
Useful efforts when last seen, but a long absence is the key concern

5 -44057 **GOD OF WAR 15 (P★;CD)**
(6) T Clover 4-9-8 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 97
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (S,F) Places: 1 £36,684
Latest run can be excused, likes it here, quick ground suits, well treated

6 1-6061 **STORM FREE 33 (D)**
(3) J Tate 4-9-8 ..... **Lewis Edmunds** 96
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 4 £36,988
Back to winning ways on AW, workable mark, has to back it up on turf

7 202935 **MONARCH'S GOLD 27**
(1) K De Foy 3-9-5 ..... **Sean Levey** 93
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 3 £34,774
Latest fifth better than bare result, remains competitive now, each-way

8 084321 **HUSCAL 21 (D)**
(9) C Hills 4-9-4 ..... **Jamie Spencer** 98
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (F,A,G) Places: 4 £46,486
Won on AW latest after two solid turf runs, current mark remains fair

9 8-0220 **MISTER BLUEBIRD 85 (D)**
(7) H Main 8-9-4 ..... **Luke Morris** 90
Runs: 58 Wins: 8 (3S,F,GS,3G) Places: 18 £159,910
Below form latest, previous seconds read well, conditions suit, fair mark

10 37-708 **ARCHER ROYAL 77 (D)**
(5) J & T Gosden 3-9-4 ..... **William Buick** 89
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) £11,690
Little impact this term, likes quick ground, needs old spark from mark

BETTING: 5-2 Desert Shadow, 7-2 Huscal, 5 Storm Free, 8 Monarch's Gold, 10 God Of War, Defence Minister, 12 Archer Royal, Shameful, 16 Silver Ghost, 20 Mister Bluebird

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 2 5 9

2025: God Of War 3-9-7, D Egan 11-1 (Tom Clover), drw 9, 11 ran.

4.35 BETMGM REAL DEAL NURSERY (4) 2-Y-O; winner £6,281; 7f (8 runners)

1 24012 **VICTORY GOLD 37 (BF,D)**
(4) S bin Suroor 9-11 ..... **Oisin Murphy** ●99
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £16,471
Solid second on nursery debut, ground suits, remains on good mark

2 411 **WAASIL 37 (D)**
(7) K R Burke 9-10 ..... **non-runner** 98
Runs: 3 Wins: 2 (F,G) £13,582
Progressive, two wins on quick, big class rise demands more, ruled out

3 18 **SONNY PARVENUE 36**
(2) R Hannon 9-10 ..... **Pat Dobbs** 93
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) £7,020
Disappointing on quick latest, debut promise, needs a major rebound

4 42 **NOBLE PRINCE 14 (BF)**
(5) C Appleby 9-5 ..... **William Buick** 96
Runs: 2 £4,120
Yet to progress in two starts, ground suits, stronger gallop could help

5 44 **DONTLOOKBACKINANGA 15**
(1) R Hannon 9-4 ..... **Sean Levey** 90
Runs: 2 £3,367
Similar form in two runs, drop down from mile may help, ground no worry

6 831 **LA FUERZA 46 (D)**
(8) S & E Crisford 9-4 .... **Mason Paetel (3)** 92
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (A) £7,875
Improved markedly latest, longer trip helped, turf form still unproven

7 71 **CLIVE THE WRITER 24 (D)**
(3) W Muir & C Grassick 9-3 **Lewis Edmunds** 94
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (A) £7,020
Improved to win AW latest, earlier form promising, more to offer again

8 214 **SANBONA WARRIOR 21 (P★;D)**
(6) W Knight 9-1 ..... **Neil Callan** 89
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 1 £9,333
Flat on nursery debut, previous win reads well, ground suits, chance

BETTING: 3 Victory Gold, 5 Noble Prince, 7 La Fuerza, 15-2 Clive The Writer, 8 Sonny Parvenue, 10 Dontlookbackinanga, 12 Sanbona Warrior

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 1-4 2 2

2025: You Sexy Thing 9-1, S Osborne 9-1 (R Spencer), drw 4, 5 ran.

5.10 GAMBLE RESPONSIBLY AT BETMGM HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £6,281; 5f. (10 runners)

1	(9)	3470918	**BETSEN 84 (D)** A Carroll 5-9-13		**Marco Ghiani 93**
2	(8)	3-68547	**ROSARIO 19 (D)** R Teal 5-9-12		**Rossa Ryan 94**
3	(1)	21-3099	**ZOULU CHIEF 7** H Main 5-9-12		**Luke Morris 90**
4	(2)	9-40431	**MARCHING MAC 78 (CD)** P McEntee 5-9-11		**Grace McEntee ●99**
5	(4)	7341119	**QUANTUM POWER 30 (V;D)** T Clover 3-9-10		**Molly Keegan-Price (7) 98**
6	(6)	441-722	**HYPNOTISED 14 (D)** H Charlton 3-9-8		**Lewis Edmunds 97**
7	(5)	1114-20	**LIPSINK 8 (CD)** M Appleby 9-9-5		**Alistair Rawlinson 92**
8	(7)	167-004	**NUEVO SLOVO 20 (D)** S Pearce 3-9-3		**Paddy Bradley 85**
9	(3)	0-09740	**ROACH POWER 14 (D)** M Wigham 7-9-3		**Ray Dawson 87**
10	(10)	74-7165	**HAVANA SMILE 37 (CD)** G & J Moore 3-9-0		**Toby Moore (7) 91**

BETTING: 3 Marching Mac, 9-2 Hypnotised, 5 Quantum Power, 6 Rosario, 15-2 Betsen, 10 Havana Smile, Zoulu Chief, 14 Roach Power

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1 2-4 2 1

2025: Woolhampton 5-9-10 Saffie Osborne 5-4 Fav (B Millman) drawn 5, 7 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

STEM (2.15 Sandown) was a game winner over course and distance before his saddle slipped last time. Have an each-way double with PACIFIC MISSION (2.50 Sandown) who is consistent and Andrew Balding continues in good form.

TRAINER . . . Varian

Rock and roll time

ROGER VARIAN reckons his Rock is ready to roll at Sandown.

The Godolphin-owned Rock Montreal heads the betting for the Group 3 Solario Stakes at Sandown following his impressive debut win at Yarmouth earlier this month.

He was punted off the boards that day and strode clear as the 2-5 favourite to win by nearly three lengths.

The race is full of promising runners, including the unbeaten Breacher and Sonic Angel, and Varian is keen to find out just how good his horse is.

He said: "Rock Montreal is a lovely colt. He is a strong physical and has a very good mind on him. I have been more than happy with him since his win at Yarmouth and I am hopeful he will be able to handle the step up in grade."

RETIRED . . . Estrange

Time up Estrange

TOP-CLASS mare Estrange has been retired after failing to recover from "bone bruising" in time for an autumn campaign.

The David O'Meara-trained grey won six of her nine starts, including the Group 1 Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh in June.

She has been off since and her owners Cheveley Park Stud released a statement saying they had run out of time to get her fit for the Arc.

They said: "She suffered some bone bruising during her last race, which meant she has had to have an easy time since and we were running out of time to get her fit."

O'Meara added: "She's been a wonderful mare for us and to have won a Group 1 that day in Ireland was very special. She'll leave a big hole."

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GOODWOOD COLOURS ON ITV4: 1.25, 2.00, 2.35

TEMPLEGATE		TOM PEPPER	
1.25	Rhythm Of My Heart	1.25	Roku Nana
2.00	Forty Years On	2.00	Aalto
2.35	Classical Allusion	2.35	TONY MONTANA (nap)
3.10	Zavateri (nb)	3.10	Seagulls Eleven
3.45	Evening Call	3.45	Marquetry
4.20	Arcturus Flame	4.20	Appier (nb)
4.55	Naana's Sparkle	4.55	All Ways Glamorous

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Secret Of Life (Sandown) and Zavateri (double) with Forty Years On (both Goodwood).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Tony Montana and Appier (both Goodwood).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: BOILING POINT (3.10 Goodwood).
THE JUDGE: EBT'S GUARD (3.10 Goodwood).

TRACKFAX . . .

TIC-TAC: A tricky right-handed undulating switchback track with two bends. There is a straight 5f track. **DRAW:** Low numbers best in sprints, though a fast start is equally important. **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 251 have won out of 712 races (35.3%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 32 have won out of 79 races (40.5%). **JACKPOT:** 1-6. **LIVE ON RACING TV**

HOT 'N NOT

TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: R Varian 7 wins from 18 runners; J Fanshawe 5 from 21; G Boughey 8 from 37; C Cox 5 from 24; W Haggas 9 from 47; A Balding 13 from 69; K R Burke 7 from 41; C Johnston 6 from 40.
JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days: H Crouch 9 wins from 39 rides; P-L Jamin 4 from 22; D Probert 8 from 46; J Mitchell 6 from 36; D Tudhope 4 from 31.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: D Menuisier 38; E De Giles 38; G Baker 23; M Tregoning 14; J Channon 12; J Camacho 12; M Appleby 11; W Muir & C Grassick 11; M Loughnane 11; Lemos Souza 9.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: W Carver 33; B Sayette 25; C Bishop 25; D Keenan 23; C Shepherd 23; O Tubb 22; R Hornby 19; M Winn 16; D Tudhope 15; K O'Neill 15.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 A Balding 41-293, W Haggas 33-162, R Beckett 28-180, G & J Moore 23-179, D Menuisier 17-102, C Johnston 16-153, K R Burke 15-92, R Varian 14-115. **THIS SEASON:** W Haggas 6, K R Burke 6, D Menuisier 4, A Balding 4.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 H Crouch 18-143, D Probert 18-171, C Fallon 14-66, B Sayette 9-49, C Bishop 9-110, J Mitchell 8-73, R Hornby 8-101, D Muscutt 6-73, C Lee 5-41, C Shepherd 5-66. **THIS SEASON:** C Fallon 7, R Hornby 4, P-L Jamin 3.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 2.00 Leadman D O'Meara to M Appleby; **3.45 Mathoura** J Harrington (Ire) to J Tickle; **4.20 Bright Legend** D Hogan (Ire) to Faye Bramley. **RACEFAX:** C Cox won the 2.00 in 2019 & 2021. D O'Meara won the 2.00 in 2020, 2023 & 2025. **LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Boiling Point** (3.10) trained by K R Burke, Leyburn, round trip of 596 miles; **Lily Pink** (1.25), **Carnival Of Light** (2.00), **Arisaig** (3.10) trained by C Johnston, Middleham, round trip of 582 miles; **Naqeeb** (3.10), J Camacho, Malton, round trip 536 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Rhythm Of My Heart (1.25) opened 6-1 second at 11-4f; **Lily Pink** (1.25) opened 15-2 second at 7-2; **Classical Allusion** (2.35) opened 11-1 unplaced at 11-2; **Zachary Hickes** (4.20) opened 2-1 won at 6-4. **TOP EARNERS:** 3.10 **Qirat** £868,168; 2.00 **Galeron** £643,539; 3.10 **Zavateri** £464,490; 2.00 **Rhoscolyn** £387,479; 3.10 **Seagulls Eleven** £317,159; 3.10 **Boiling Point** £293,630.

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None. **BLINKERED FIRST TIME:** None. **VISORED FIRST TIME:** None. **FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP:** None today.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 2.00 **Rhoscolyn** (won off 97 down 13lb to 84)
JOB JOCKEY: D Probert rides **Chimes Of Thunder** (3.45) for W Haggas, 6 from 23, 26%. C Fallon rides **High Degree** (2.35), **Evening Call** (3.45) for W Haggas, 211 from 924, 23%. J Mitchell rides **Roku Nana** (1.25), **Fondo Blanco** (2.00), **Zachary Hickes** (4.20) for R Varian, 286 from 1342, 21%. D Tudhope rides **Majestic Flame** (1.25) for R Hughes, 4 from 19, 21%.

BIG-RACE TRENDS

Yr	G	Ran	Winner	Age	Jockey	Trainer	SP	Wt	OR	Draw	Days	Form
25	GF	6	**JONQUIL**	3	Keane, C T	Balding, A M	3/1	9-1	115	6	26	16105
24	Sft	4	**ICE MAX**	3	Lee, Clifford	Burke, K R	5/1	9-1	108	5	93	1715114
23	Sft	7	**ANGEL BLEU**	4	Crouch, Hector	Beckett, R M	9/2	9-6	111	3	42	3952174
22	GS	5	**JADOOMI**	4	Buick, William	Crisford, Simon	10/3	9-6	107	5	301	3313
21	GF	9	**LAVENDERS BLUE**	5	Hornby, Rob	Perrett, Mrs A J	20/1	9-1	106	7	50	3021358
20	Sft	6	**CENTURY DREAM**	6	Doyle, James	Crisford, Simon	11/4	9-4	115	5	77	1443721
19	Gd	6	**DUKE OF HAZZARD**	3	Ryan, Rossa	Cole, P F I	3/1	8-12	111	3	22	2167511
18	Gd	8	**BEAT THE BANK**	4	Murphy, Oisin	Balding, A M	11/8	9-7	117	7	24	1100615
17	Gd	6	**LIGHTNING SPEAR**	6	Murphy, Oisin	Simcock, D M	Evens	9-4	117	3	24	6132973
16	GF	5	**LIGHTNING SPEAR**	5	Murphy, Oisin	Simcock, D M	4/1	9-4	117	2	31	1123036
15	Sft	6	**KODI BEAR**	3	Mosse, G	Cox, C G	4/5	8-12	117	6	16	251211
14	Gd	8	**BOW CREEK**	3	Fanning, Joe	Johnston, M	9/2	8-12	108	1	22	4915223

SEAGULLS ELEVEN can fly away with the Celebration Mile.

Ten of the last 12 winners came from the top three in the betting, including four favourites, so this hasn't been a race for wild outsiders.

Recent action is another big tick. Eleven winners had raced within 42 days, while 10 had already made at least three starts that season and landed a race along the way.

Eleven of the 12 had already won over a mile, with eight winning at the trip at least twice so make sure your fancy is a winning miler. Experience counts too, with 11 having made seven or more Flat starts and recorded at least three victories. Class is hard to dodge.

3.10 Goodwood

Ten winners were rated 108-plus, while eight already had a Group-race victory on their CV.

Goodwood know-how helps, with eight having raced here before and four already successful at the track.

Age offers fewer clues: seven winners were four or older, with five three-year-olds.

Looking at this year's field, **SEAGULLS ELEVEN** is the standout bet. He has winning form over the trip and track, is near the head of the market and is more than high enough in the official ratings. **Qirat** comes second given his good general course record.

1.25 FILLIES' RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (2) 2YO; winner £15,462; 1m (13 runners)

1 63 **ALL ANGELS 16** — (1) E Walker 9-2 — **Cieren Fallon** 86 — Runs: 2 — £1,902
Still green when third, mile may help on pedigree, needs more again

2 0 **CLOUD CHORUS 30 (H)** — (13) G & J Moore 9-2 — **Clifford Lee** 70 — Runs: 1 — £0
Well beaten on debut, longer trip must spark more, one for down line

3 **FASTIDYAH** — (3) M Bell 9-2 — **Daniel Muscutt** — —
42k yearling, bred for further, yard can ready one but best watched

4 2 **LILY PINK 22** — (8) C Johnston 9-2 — **Callum Shepherd** ●99 — Runs: 1 — £3,036
Went close debut in what looked good race, strong claims on that

5 6 **MAJESTIC FLAME 30** — (9) R Hughes 9-2 — **Daniel Tudhope** 93 — Runs: 1 — £906
Big price for debut but caught eye in good race, should come on

6 **ROKU NANA** — (2) R Varian 9-2 — **Jack Mitchell** —
Well-bred albeit mixed pedigree, yard in flying form, market guides

7 8 **ALIDOOLALLY 19** — (12) D Menuisier 8-13 — **Kieran O'Neill** 72 — Runs: 1 — £0
Very green and well beaten over 7f debut, local yard very quiet

8 9 **GRETA TINTIN 19** — (4) A Balding 8-13 — **Rob Hornby** 73 — Runs: 1 — £0
Weakened on debut after racing handily, major progress needed

9 6 **SINGING BLUES 19** — (5) T Ward 8-13 — **Pierre Jamin** 74 — Runs: 1 — £0
Needed debut and weakened late, should do better but turf unknown

10 2 **THESPIAN QUEEN 19** — (10) E J-Houghton 8-13 — **Charles Bishop** 96 — Runs: 1 — Places: 1 — £2,789
Promising debut, should improve for yard that does well in this sphere

11 2 **RHYTHM OF MY HEART 19 (BF)** — (11) D Menuisier 8-10 — **Hector Crouch** 92 — Runs: 1 — Places: 1 — £2,789
Encouraging debut when favourite, didn't look strong heat, mile suits

12 5 **SILVERELLA 25** — (6) M Tregoning 8-10 — **David Probert** 86 — Runs: 1 — £0
Shaped better than fifth on debut, steps up in trip now, not ruled out

13 **STARLIGHT BAY** — (7) M Tregoning 8-10 — **Gina Mangan** —
10k yearling, plenty of stamina in breeding, might be one for later

BETTING: 9-4 Lily Pink, 5 Thespian Queen, 11-2 Rhythm Of My Heart, 6 Roku Nana, 7 Majestic Flame, 10 Silverella, 16 All Angels
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 1-2 1
2025: Wetsand 9-4, Sam James 6-4 Fav (J Owen), drw 4, 5 ran.

Sunracing FORM

ALL ANGELS (9-2) 10-1 in last, pushed along 2f out, no chance with front pair, 3rd of 5 (7¼l) to Flooding (9-2) (Salisbury 7f nov (3) £8,100 good).
MAJESTIC FLAME (9-2) 66-1 mid-division, shaken up 2f out, headway 1f out, kept on, 6th of 13 (btn 5¼l) to Avalon Queen (9-2) **CLOUD CHORUS** (9-2) 66-1 slow away, always behind, last (btn 10l) (G'wood 7f mdn (2) £30,924 good to firm).
LILY PINK (9-2) 7-2 held up, headway 3f out, challenged final furlong, btn nk by Zarakova (9-2) (4 ran) (Newmarket 1m mdn (3) £6,185 good to firm).
RHYTHM OF MY HEART (8-13) 11-4 fav mid-division, headway 2f out, ridden final furlong, kept on well, btn 3l by Tikka (9-2) **SINGING BLUES** (9-2) 25-1 prominent, pushed along 2f out, weakened final furlong, 6th (btn 8l) **ALIDOOLALLY** (9-2) 12-1 outpaced in rear, ridden 2f out, made no impression, 8th (btn 13l)
GRETA TINTIN (9-2) 12-1 prominent, pushed along 4f out, hung left 2f out, faded over 1f out, 9th (btn 13l) (12 ran) (Kempton 7f mdn (4) £5,940 AW).
THESPIAN QUEEN (9-2) 17-2 slowly away, driven 2f out, kept on, btn 2¼l by Tredegar Square (9-4) (12 ran) (Kempton 7f mdn (4) £5,940 AW).
SILVERELLA (9-2) 12-1 mid-division, driven 2f out, never involved, 5th of 9 (btn 5l) to Potters Margot (9-2) (Lingfield 7f mdn (4) £5,940 AW).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

1.25

RHYTHM OF MY HEART can improve past these now tackling the mile. David Menuisier's filly was well backed on her Kempton debut and shaped with real promise, overcoming a slow start and greenness to run on strongly for second over 7f. Her stamina-packed pedigree screams that this extra furlong will suit and she should know much more this time. **Lily Pink** is the danger after missing by just a neck over a mile at Newmarket on debut and is also open to plenty of improvement. **Majestic Flame** caught the eye over 7f here at the Glorious meeting, finishing with running left, while **Thespian Queen** showed promise when second at Kempton. Roger Varian's newcomer **Roku Nana** is also worth watching in the market.

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TODAY'S PICKS AT GOODWOOD

LEG 1.....Rhythm Of My Heart, Majestic Flame
LEG 2.....Forty Years On, Completely Random
LEG 3.....Classical Allusion, Tony Montana
LEG 4.....Zavateri
LEG 5.....Evening Call, Chimes Of Thunder
LEG 6.....Arcturus Flame, Zachary Hickes

2.00 VIRGIN BET SATURDAY MONEY BACK HCAP (2) win £51,540; 7f (15 runners)

1 100204 **COMPLETELY RANDOM 28** — (4) H Charlton 5-9-12 — **Daniel Muscutt** 96 — Runs: 22 — Wins: 5 (4A,G) — Places: 4 — £169,157
Flew home over 6f latest, ground ideal, Ascot effort tempers enthusiasm

2 214-00 **FONDO BLANCO 21** — (8) R Varian 4-9-9 — **Jack Mitchell** 86 — Runs: 11 — Wins: 2 (S,GS) — Places: 5 — £45,814
Well held this term, conditions suitable but needs a major revival here

3 -00201 **PELLITORY 21 (D)** — (10) D O'Meara 4-9-6 — **Daniel Tudhope** 94 — Runs: 19 — Wins: 4 (S,GS,2G) — Places: 3 — £74,512
Impressive winner latest on quick, thriving and remains competitive

4 225391 **ADDISON GREY 14 (D)** — (12) C Cox 4-9-5 — **Clifford Lee** 97 — Runs: 12 — Wins: 4 (3F,A) — Places: 3 — £89,813
Career-best latest, ground suits well, respected from a higher mark

5 1112-1 **FORTY YEARS ON 79 (D)** — (2) G Scott 4-9-4 — **Hector Crouch** ●99 — Runs: 6 — Wins: 4 (S,GS,2G) — Places: 2 — £40,958
Readily won on return, handles quick, open to further improvement

6 155093 **THE FINGAL RAVEN 31 (D)** — (14) J Osborne 4-9-1 — **William Carver** 91 — Runs: 18 — Wins: 2 (A,G) — Places: 7 — £102,363
Fine third latest after quieter runs, ground suits and can go well again

7 342-06 **GALERON 84 (C,D)** — (5) C Hills 6-9-1 — **David Probert** 88 — Runs: 28 — Wins: 2 (S,F) — Places: 4 — £643,539
Below best latest, likes it quick, mark eased, but revival is still required

8 179061 **GHOST MODE 28 (CD)** — (6) A Balding 3-9-0 — **Rob Hornby** 94 — Runs: 11 — Wins: 3 (F,A,GS) — Places: 3 — £110,760
Strong C&D winner latest on quick, likes it here, quirks add risk

9 -90213 **AALTO 35 (D)** — (3) I Williams 6-8-12 — **Cieren Fallon** 93 — Runs: 27 — Wins: 4 (F,A,GS,G) — Places: 6 — £216,508
Thriving lately, another cracker latest, quick ideal, still fairly treated

10 44110 **CARNIVAL OF LIGHT 9 (D)** — (7) C Johnston 4-8-10 — **Callum Shepherd** 83 — Runs: 5 — Wins: 2 (2A) — £13,908
Poor on soft latest after two AW wins, still bit to prove on the grass

11 760006 **DARKNESS 29 (V;CD)** — (15) D O'Meara 8-8-9 — **Mark Winn** 89 — Runs: 57 — Wins: 8 (S,4F,G) — Places: 9 — £235,675
Stayed on well here latest, likes this venue, current mark gives hope

12 500500 **RHOSCOLYN 7 (CD)** — (9) D O'Meara 8-8-6 — **Shay Farmer (5)** 90 — Runs: 75 — Wins: 10 (F,6S,3GS) — Places: 8 — £387,479
Modest for while now, likes it here and juicy mark, needs old spark

13 061579 **LEADMAN 21 (D)** — (1) M Appleby 6-8-5 — **Kieran O'Neill** 84 — Runs: 27 — Wins: 3 (2F,A) — Places: 7 — £61,293
Struggling badly, return to best trip helps, quick ground is best

14 -39177 **RARE CHANGE 13 (CD)** — (13) R Hughes 4-8-5 — **Gina Mangan** 88 — Runs: 22 — Wins: 4 (S,2F,G) — Places: 3 — £55,726
Slow starts have hurt, likes it here, conditions fine, dangerous if sharper

15 553120 **IRONWILL 8 (D)** — (11) S Williams 3-8-4 — **John Egan** 96 — Runs: 9 — Wins: 3 (S,2F) — Places: 2 — £41,561
Latest better than result suggests, return to trip helps, likes it here

BETTING: 7-2 Forty Years On, 4 Completely Random, 8 Ghost Mode, 10 Rhoscolyn, Aalto, 11 Addison Grey, The Fingal Raven, 14 Ironwill, 16 Darkness, Pellitory, 20 Rare Change, Fondo Blanco, Galeron, 25 Leadman, 50 Carnival Of Light
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2-3 2 1 7
2025: Darkness 7-8-10, M Winn 25-1 (D O'Meara), drw 8, 12 ran.

Sunracing FORM

COMPLETELY RANDOM (9-6) 7-1 rear, shaken up 2f out, headway 1f out, edged right, kept on, 4th of 27 (7¼l) to Evening Saigon (9-0) (Goodwood 6f hcap (2) £128,850 good to firm).
FONDO BLANCO (9-11) 12-1 mid-division, driven 2f out, no threat, last of 10 (12l) to Crown Board (9-12) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £49,180 good to firm).
PELLITORY (10-1) 3-1 midfield, ridden and headway to press leader over 1f out, soon led and kept on, bt Crimson Spirit (10-2) 3¾l (6 ran) (Haydock 7f hcap (3) £7,851 good).
ADDISON GREY (9-8) 9-2 midfield, shaken up 1f out, drifted left 1f out, led final 110yds, ran on, bt Havana Pusey (9-9) 1¾l (8 ran) (Newbury 7f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).
FORTY YEARS ON (9-7) 5-2 fav midfield, headway to lead over 1f out, stayed on strongly, bt Brian (9-9) 3l (15 ran) (Newbury 7f hcap (3) £14,174 good to soft).
THE FINGAL RAVEN (9-8) 16-1 midfield, headway final furlong, never nearer, 3rd of 20 (btn 1¾l) to Crimson Spirit (9-6) **PELLITORY** (9-9) 22-1 in touch, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, 16th (btn 8¼l) **RHOSCOLYN** (9-5) 12-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, no impression, 19th (btn 11l) (Goodwood 7f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
GALERON (9-1) 15-2 chased leaders, ridden 2f out, kept on same pace final furlong, no extra, 6th of 11 (btn 6¾l) to Arctic Dawn (9-5) (Doncaster 7f hcap (3) £9,631 good to firm).
GHOST MODE (8-11) 9-2 chased leader, hung left 1f out, kept on, bt **IRONWILL** (8-5) 10-1 held up, headway 1f out, carried left late on, ran on, 1¼l (13 ran) (Goodwood 7f hcap (2) £38,655 good to firm).
AALTO (9-0) 14-1 rear, headway 3f out, pushed along 1f out and kept on, not quite pace to challenge, 3rd of 16 (btn 1¼l) to Amazing Journey (8-10) **LEADMAN** (8-8) 40-1 mid-division, pushed along 1f out and denied clear run, kept on, 7th (btn 2l) **COMPLETELY RANDOM** (9-12) 8-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, found nil, 13th (btn 6¾l) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £77,310 good to firm).
CARNIVAL OF LIGHT (9-0) 25-1 handy, outpaced 1f out, weakened quickly inside final furlong, 16th of 19 (well btn) to Machadadorp (8-9) (York 7f hcap (2) £51,540 good to soft).
DARKNESS (8-9) 40-1 rear, ridden over 2f out, kept on well final furlong, nearest finish, 6th of 18 (btn 3¼l) to Archivist (9-12) (Goodwood 1m hcap (2) £90,195 good to firm).
RHOSCOLYN (8-12) 6-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, short of room, last of 13 (btn 9l) to Whip Cracker (9-6) (Chester 1m hcap (2) £30,924 good to soft).
LEADMAN (9-5) 12-1 rear, ridden 2f out, kept on final furlong, 9th of 13 (btn 9¾l) to Arctic Thunder (9-9) (Haydock 1m hcap (3) £16,200 good).
RARE CHANGE (9-9) 9-1 rear, progress final furlong, kept on, 7th of 9 (3l) to The Good Biscuit (9-6) (Pontefract 6f hcap (3) £12,562 good to firm).
IRONWILL (8-12) 25-1 rear, ridden 2f out, plugged on 1f out, never on terms, 10th of 19 (btn 8¼l) to Blue Courvoisier (9-2) (York 1m hcap hdle (2) £51,540 good to soft).

PROBETS

TURF TOPPER: FORTY YEARS ON (2.00 Goodwood) has won all four career starts on turf.
EYECATCHER: BLANQUITA (3.35 Beverley) caught the eye on debut at Kempton.
SUPER SPEED: TENABILITY (6.30 Windsor) clocked a good time when winning at Goodwood two starts back.
GAMBLED ON: ARD AS A ROCK (5.15 Chepstow) was beaten at odds-on at Beverley last time out.

TEMPLEG

FORTY YEARS ON ran winning a big-field Scott's progressive fi quickening clear to was her fourth win ir months off in the ta ground two lo **Rando** home extra arrives Haydoc also come well on his fir it here and scored ove although his tendency is another to respect a victory with a solid th

2.00

2.35 VIRGIN BET A winner £23,1

1 6-5095 **LO** — (8) R Bec — Runs: 19 — Wins: 5
Better latest on soft, r

2 -23521 **HI** — (3) W Ha — Runs: 11 — Wins: 2
Threatened to win as

3 8-0451 **TO** — (4) G & J — Runs: 15 — Wins: 2
Career best latest, sta

4 20-684 **TO** — (1) K De — Runs: 24 — Wins: 3
Strong late fourth her

5 411930 **RA** — (7) J Cha — Runs: 29 — Wins: 5
Below best latest, pre

6 513-73 **HA** — (2) M Lo — Runs: 41 — Wins: 10
Fine third latest, mark

7 8-7887 **OM** — (5) I Willi — Runs: 40 — Wins: 4
Shaped better latest,

8 1-2506 **CL** — (9) A Bal — Runs: 5 — Wins: 1
Better than latest on A

9 451114 **GR** — (6) B Mil — Runs: 10 — Wins: 4
Winning spree ended

BETTING: 15-8 High Deg 10 Classical Allusion, 12 Lor Green Sky, 16 Haku
WHERE FAVOURITES FIN
2025: Prince Of The Seas 3-8-1

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TOO SOON (8-5) 17-2 midfield, 2f out, led 1f out, kept on in sus duel final furlong, asserte Night Breeze (8-11) 1¼l L
MELBOURNE (8-12) 15-2 tra leaders, pushed along 2f progress to lead 2f out, hea out, weakened, 5th (btn 11l) (T (Epsom 1¼m hcap (2) £38,655
HIGH DEGREE (10-2) 6-4 fa headed final furlong, rallie regained lead final 110yds, kept Financer (9-1) 1¾l (8 ran) (Pon 1¼m hcap (3) £12,562 good to f
TONY MONTANA (8-4) 18-1 rea division, pushed along 2f out a on well, nearest finish, 4th of 1 1¾l) to Al Aali (8-10) **RATHGAR** 16-1 chased leaders, pushed al

TEMPLEG

CLASSICAL ALLUSION another big win. He behind the improving hard to settle and th stages. He's had a litt has shown

2.35

High Deg first-ti Pontef should trip. **T** when Both h ground into the r promising fourth ov should be sharper no extra quarter-mile. **H** being beaten less tha Newmarket over this

LONG SHOT **ADDISON step forw time and Cox from**

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

ATE'S VERDICT

a cracker on comeback when Newbury handicap. George lly travelled powerfully before score with lots in hand. That six starts and came after nine , so there could be plenty more nk. She handles good to firm l, the 7f trip is ideal and stall oks a major positive. **Completely m** is a big danger after flying over 6f here last time but this furlong is unknown. **Pellitory** on the back of an emphatic k success, while **Addison Grey** s here in top form after winning rst crack at 7f. **Ghost Mode** likes r course and distance last time, to hang makes him risky. **Aalto** after following his Bunbury Cup ird at Ascot.

A GOOD BET HANDICAP (2) 193; 1m 4f (9 runners)

ORD MELBOURNE 84 (D)
ckett 6-10-2.....**Hector Crouch 91**
(2S,2GS,G) Places: 2 £92,721
ain welcomed, patchy of late so needs best form

GH DEGREE 13
ggas 4-10-1 ..... **Cieren Fallon ●99**
(F,G) Places: 6 £43,802
he did last time for a while, up in trip, big player

OO SOON 84 (D)
Moore 4-10-0 **Warren Fentiman (3) 98**
(2S) Places: 1 £83,080
ays well, soft ground would be a plus, in hunt

ONY MONTANA 32
Foy 6-10-0 .....**Clifford Lee 93**
(3G) Places: 8 £135,430
e latest, today's longer trip a question, in mix

ATHGAR 32 (C)
annon 6-9-13 .....**David Probert 91**
(F,S,GS,2G) Places: 10 £153,271
fers quick ground, best form is strong in this

AKU 28 (D)
ughnane 7-9-8. ... **Charles Bishop 87**
0 (10A) Places: 10 £95,650
is fine, showed he can be as good on turf latest

NEFORTHEGUTTER 21 (D)
ams 7-9-6. .....**Kieran O'Neill 89**
(F,A,GS,G) Places: 7 £242,922
drop in trip, well treated on last year's form

LASSICAL ALLUSION 17 (D)
lding 4-9-2 ..... **Rob Hornby 92**
(A) Places: 1 £7,927
AW, stays this far but best form has come on AW

REEN SKY 16 (BF,D)
lman 6-9-2 .....**Charlie Tucker (7) 94**
(3F,G) £40,440
latest, quick suits but current mark is question

ree, 11-4 Too Soon, 15-2 Tony Montana, d Melbourne, Rathgar, Oneforthegutter,

NISHED: 3 1 1-4
10, J Dace 5-2 JtFav (R Beckett), drw 3, 7 ran.

cing FORM

ridden tained ed, bt LORD acked f out, ded 1f 3 ran) soft). w led, and on, bt tefract firm). r mid- nd ran 17 (btn R (8-11) long 1f

out, no threat, 10th (btn 4¼) (Goodwood 1¼m hcap (2) £61,848 good).
HAKU (9-9) 125-1 towards rear, pressed leaders 2f out, outpaced 1f out, weakened final furlong, 3rd of 8 (btn ¾) to Argoob (9-7) (Newmarket 1¼m hcap (3) £10,308 good to firm).
ONEFORTHEGUTTER (9-2) 22-1 rear, chased leaders 6f out, ridden 2f out, faded over 110yds out, 7th of 10 (btn 2¾) to Dancing In Paris (9-6) (Ascot 2m hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).
CLASSICAL ALLUSION (9-11) 11-2 mid-division, effort 2f out, never on terms, 6th of 12 (btn 7¼) to Kokbastau (9-6) (Kempton 1¼m hcap (3) £8,246 AW).
GREEN SKY (10-1) 6-5 fav midfield, effort 2f out, no extra, 4th of 7 (7¾) to Ruby Wedding (8-10) (Salisbury 1¼m hcap (3) £23,193 good).

ATE'S VERDICT

could give Andrew Balding showed promise when sixth Kokbastau at Kempton. He was at proved costly in the closing le nudge down the weights and n his best over this distance. **gree** should be thereabouts after me cheekpieces sparked a solid fract win. He stays 1m2f and d be at home over this longer **Too Soon** produced a career-best winning over 1m4f at Epsom. is victories have come on soft so rain would bring him right eckoning. **Tony Montana** ran a er 1m2f here last month and v. He's a player if seeing out the **laku** could be overpriced after an a length in fair company at trip last time.

N GREY (2.00 Goodwood) took a big ward when winning at Newbury last can figure again for in-form Clive 4lb higher in the handicap.

3.10 VIRGINBET CELEBRATION MILE (GROUP 2) (1) winner £113,420; 1m (9 runners)

1 431342 BOILING POINT 29 (C)
(1) K R Burke 5-9-7 .....**Clifford Lee ●99**
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (F,3G) Places: 6 £293,630
Close second at Glorious Goodwood, drop in trip fine, goes well here

2 044394 EBT'S GUARD 21 (D)
(2) W Muir & C Grassick 5-9-7**Daniel Tudhope 88**
Runs: 37 Wins: 4 (S,2F,G) Places: 15 £273,965
Reliable in strong handicaps, conditions suit, this grade demands more

3 1051/7 FAST TRACKER 177
(5) E Walker 5-9-7 .....**Cieren Fallon 84**
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (4S) £72,633
Rusty on belated return, off again since, has talent but may be needed

4 81-525 NAQEEB 49 (C)
(9) J Camacho 6-9-7.....**Ryan Sexton 89**
Runs: 22 Wins: 3 (A,GS,G) Places: 7 £212,464
Respectable in Group 2 latest, quick ground suits, might want further

5 -47149 QIRAT 31 (CD)
(8) R Beckett 5-9-7 .....**Hector Crouch 94**
Runs: 20 Wins: 5 (A,GS,3G) Places: 5 £868,168
Below best in Sussex, cracking record at track and this more realistic

6 -21130 SEAGULLS ELEVEN 31 (CD)
(7) H Palmer 4-9-7.....**David Probert 97**
Runs: 17 Wins: 4 (2S,F,GS) Places: 6 £317,159
Below best latest but usually Mr Reliable, conditions ideal, interesting

7 -24837 ARISAIG 35 (CD)
(4) C Johnston 5-9-4....**Callum Shepherd 85**
Runs: 26 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 6 £134,717
Poor for a while now, likes it here, conditions suit, needs a big revival

8 06-175 PINA SONATA 35 (D)
(3) J Fanshawe 4-9-4 .....**Daniel Muscutt 86**
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2A,GS) £47,519
Better latest after Epsom flop, handles it quick but needs more at level

9 14-255 ZAVATERI 7 (C)
(6) E J-Houghton 3-9-1....**Charles Bishop 98**
Runs: 8 Wins: 4 (2F,G) Places: 1 £464,490
Solid fifth in Group 1 City Of York, return to a mile helps, gets weight

BETTING: 9-4 Zavateri, 10-3 Seagulls Eleven, 9-2 Qirat, 11-2 Boiling Point, 10 Naqeeb, 12 Pina Sonata, 16 Arisaig, 25 Fast Tracker
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 4 5 2 4
2025: Jonquil 3-9-1, Colin Keane 3-1 (A Balding), drawn 6, 6 ran.

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BOILING POINT (9-12) 10-3 chased winner, ridden 2f out, outpaced 1f out, kept on, nearest finish, btn nk by Galen (9-7) (7 ran) (Goodwood 1m 1f cond stk (2) £51,540 good to firm).
EBT'S GUARD (9-12) 17-2 tracked leaders, pushed along 1f out and hampered, one paced, 4th of 10 (btn 4¾) to Crown Board (9-12) (Ascot 1m hcap (2) £49,180 good to firm).
FAST TRACKER (8-13) 15-8 in touch, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, last of 7 (btn 8l) to Silius (8-13) (Saint-Cloud 1m Listed £19,669 soft).
SEAGULLS ELEVEN (9-3) 18-1 in touch, disputed lead after 3f, headed 3f out, ridden 2f out, headway to briefly lead 1f out, 3rd of 8 (btn ¾) to Zeus Olympios (9-3) **NAQEEB** (9-3) 50-1 disputed lead, led 3f out, ridden 2f out, headed 1f out, faded final 110yds, 5th (btn 2¾) (8 ran) (Ascot 1m Grp 2 (1) £93,572 good to firm).
ZAVATERI (9-2) 25-1 held up in rear, not clear run 2f out, bumped 1f out, kept on, no danger, 5th of 12 (btn 4¼) to Bow Echo (9-2) **QIRAT** (9-10) 50-1 prominent, headway to briefly lead over 2f out, soon ridden, weakened final furlong, 9th (btn 9¼) **SEAGULLS ELEVEN** (9-10) 50-1 midfield, ridden over 2f out, weakened final furlong, 10th (btn 11l) (12 ran) (Goodwood 1m Grp 1 (1) £850,650 good to firm).
PINA SONATA (9-5) 11-1 led, pushed along and headed 2f out, faded final 110yds, 5th of 8 (btn 3¼) to Kon Tiki (9-5) **ARISAIG** (9-5) 17-2 towards rear on outer, pushed along 2f out, no response, 7th (btn 10l) (8 ran) (Ascot 1m Grp 3 (1) £53,874 good to firm).
ZAVATERI (9-3) 8-1 chased leaders, pushed along well over 2f out, kept on, never threatened, 5th of 14 (btn 4¼) to Notable Speech (9-8) (York 7f Grp 1 (1) £340,260 good to soft).

TEMPLEGATE'S VERDICT

ZAVATERI can take advantage of this drop from Group 1 level and prove himself a top-class miler. Eve Johnson Houghton's colt shaped better than fifth suggests behind Notable Speech over 7f at York last week, staying on strongly before the line came too soon. He was an excellent fifth in the Sussex Stakes over C&D on good to firm but handles juice underfoot as well. He gets weight as a three-year-old which helps too. **Seagulls Eleven** is a major danger if bouncing back from his Sussex disappointment. He earlier won a Group 3 and has gone close at this level, while this mile suits. **Boiling Point** likes it here and arrives after a narrow defeat and could be helped by dropping to a mile. **Qirat** also has an excellent record here and his Lennox fourth reads well before the Sussex Stakes came too soon the following day. It would be no shock to see him bounce back.

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3.45 DARLEY EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE) (2); 3-y-o; winner £25,770; 1m 2f. (8 runners)

1	(8)		64 **AUNT ROBERTA** 42 G Scott 9-2	**Darragh Keenan 86**
2	(2)	6-2533	**CHIMES OF THUNDER 30** W Haggas 9-2	**David Probert 95**
3	(3)		3 **EVENING CALL 15** W Haggas 9-2	**Cieren Fallon 97**
4	(6)		**MARQUETRY** A Balding 9-2	**Rob Hornby —**
5	(7)		236 **MATHOURA 41** J Tickle 9-2	**Taylor Fisher 94**
6	(4)		9 **PSEUDONYM 79** O Sangster 9-2	**Daniel Tudhope 73**
7	(5)		**QUEEN OF SCOTLAND** G Boughey 9-2	**Hector Crouch —**
8	(1)		432 **TROPICAL SANDS 22** E Walker 9-2	**Clifford Lee ●99**

BETTING: 11-4 Tropical Sands, 7-2 Queen Of Scotland, 4 Marquetry, Evening Call
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1-4 3
2025: Just Keep Flying 9-2 Tyler Heard 9-1 (J & T Gosden) drawn 1, 6 ran.

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AUNT ROBERTA (9-2) 33-1 handy, ridden 3f out, no extra, 4th of 5 (btn 5l) to Miss Scott (9-8) (Newbury 1¼m nov (2) £20,616 good to firm).
CHIMES OF THUNDER (9-2) 10-3 led, pushed along 2f out, headed 1f out, stayed on one pace, 3rd of 8 (btn 3l) to Bintward (9-2) (Wolverhampton 1m 1f mdn (4) £5,400 AW).
EVENING CALL (9-2) 11-2 handy, effort 1f out, one paced, last of 3 (2½) to Gilding The Lily (9-2) (Newmarket 1m nov (4) £5,757 good to firm).
MATHOURA (9-3) 10-1 handy, no impression 2f out, weakened, 6th of 7 (btn 10l) to Star Performer (9-3) (Curragh 1m 1f mdn €12,000 good to firm).
TROPICAL SANDS (9-2) 9-1 midfield, ridden 2f out, headway final furlong, chased leaders final 110yds, no danger, 3rd of 11 (btn 6½) to Manaar (9-2) **AUNT ROBERTA** (9-2) 80-1 rear, ridden 2f out, some headway over 1f out, kept on, no danger, 6th (btn 9½) **PSEUDONYM** (9-2) 22-1 midfield, ridden 3f out, weakened 2f out, 9th (btn 14l) (11 ran) (Newbury 1m 1f nov stk (4) £6,480 good to soft).
TROPICAL SANDS (8-13) 13-8 handy, shaken up 3f out, ridden to lead 1f out, plugged on, held close home, btn nk by Ancestor (9-11) (3 ran) (Haydock 1¼m nov (3) £7,020 good).

4.20 VIRGIN BET DAILY PRICE BOOSTS HCAP (4) winner £8,066; 1m 6f (12 runners)

1 102-45 CAPRELO 52 (B)
(5) H Morrison 5-9-9 .....**Rob Hornby 87**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 4 £52,747
Better latest, stays further and quick suits, fair mark now, needs more

2 714-02 SCARLET MOON 25 (D)
(10) A Watson 4-9-9.....**Pierre Jamin 95**
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (3A,G) £26,372
Back near his best latest, firm ground and trip both look ideal now

3 14504/ BRIGHT LEGEND J10
(1) F Bramley 6-9-9 .....**Clifford Lee —**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (S) £10,232
Recent hurdle runs offer little encouragement, plenty left to answer

4 230613 APPIER 36 (CD)
(7) A Carroll 7-9-8 .....**David Probert 93**
Runs: 51 Wins: 11 (S,F,7A,2G) Places: 9 £80,633
Won here two runs ago and ran well since, trip and ground suit, respected

5 -13433 RUSSIAN RUMOUR 25 (D)
(9) J Portman 9-9-7.....**Olivia Tubb (5) 92**
Runs: 55 Wins: 9 (3S,2A,2F,2G) Places: 11 £72,681
Consistent, trip and quick ground suit but others look better treated

6 4/641 ZACHARY HICKES 15
(4) R Varian 4-9-7.....**Jack Mitchell 98**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) £5,653
Improved to win handicap debut, longer trip asks more, may progress

7 3-1463 GOOLOOGONG 29
(3) G Baker 6-9-7.....**Benoit Sayette 91**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 2 £27,429
Good third here over further latest, ground suits, this trip is no issue

8 5325V2 ARCTURUS FLAME 15 (BF)
(2) J Owen 4-9-6 .....**Cieren Fallon 97**
Runs: 17 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 7 £23,021
Went close latest on firm, proven at trip and looks competitive again

9 65/358 MR FREEDOM 59 (C,D)
(6) S West 7-9-6 .....**Kieran O'Neill 88**
Runs: 19 Wins: 6 (2F,A,3G) Places: 1 £36,626
Below form on last two, trip is proven, ground suits, needs a revival

10 -21144 TARITINO 25 (D)
(11) J Tickle 6-9-5 ..... **Taylor Fisher 95**
Runs: 33 Wins: 6 (3F,GS,2G) Places: 5 £44,808
In good form despite latest fourth, trip and ground suit, firmly in mix

11 702311 EDUCATOR 23 (B;D)
(12) H Knight 7-9-4 .....**Daniel Tudhope ●99**
Runs: 40 Wins: 6 (4F,A,G) Places: 8 £77,704
Arrives on hat-trick, ground suits and proven over trip, strong contender

12 414242 TWO PLUS TWO 30 (D)
(8) E De Giles 6-8-4 ..... **Gina Mangan 94**
Runs: 34 Wins: 4 (A,3F) Places: 7 £32,520
Went close latest, proven at trip, won't want much rain, well treated

BETTING: 5-2 Zachary Hickes, 6 Arcturus Flame, Educator
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 2 1 2
2025: Miss Alpilles 4-9-7, K Shoemark 11-2 (E Walker), drw 4, 10 ran.

4.55 VIRGIN BET SAFE GAMBLING HANDICAP (2) winner £13,085; 5f (8 runners)

1 -39114 ALL WAYS GLAMOROUS 21 (BF,D)
(8) C Mason 5-10-0 ..... **Gina Mangan ●99**
Runs: 21 Wins: 5 (3F,A,G) Places: 8 £96,794
Excuses last time, ground ideal and recent winning form is respected

2 -31360 LEXINGTON BLITZ 10 (CD)
(1) R Cowell 4-9-13 ..... **Jack Mitchell 90**
Runs: 19 Wins: 4 (F,3G) Places: 6 £98,020
Poor latest over further, return here suits, earlier course form reads well

3 604530 TOCA MADERA 7 (D)
(4) D O'Meara 5-9-12.....**Daniel Tudhope 96**
Runs: 29 Wins: 3 (3F) Places: 8 £140,064
Poor latest, came quickly after fine third, strong form here a big plus

4 096045 DEMOCRACY DILEMMA 21 (V;BF,D)
(5) R Cowell 6-9-12 .....**Clifford Lee 97**
Runs: 45 Wins: 8 (F,2S,2A,GS,2G) Places: 8 £245,057
Patchy form, excellent fourth at Glorious Goodwood, high on shortlist

5 -14120 NAANA'S SPARKLE 10 (CD)
(2) L Souza 4-9-11.....**Kieran O'Neill 98**
Runs: 17 Wins: 5 (F,S,2A,GS) Places: 4 £89,953
Below best latest after a close second here, can bounce back here

6 708604 KYLIAN 13 (V;D)
(3) R Cowell 5-9-6 ..... **Charles Bishop 86**
Runs: 33 Wins: 6 (4A,GS,G) Places: 6 £150,387
Showed more spark in visor latest, falling mark gives him some hope

7 720519 DYONISOS 32 (D)
(7) I Williams 4-9-5.....**David Probert 95**
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (2S,F) Places: 7 £80,444
Better than result latest after meeting trouble, quick suits, big threat

8 147154 DREAM COMPOSER 19 (CD)
(6) A Carroll 8-9-1.....**Dougie Costello 93**
Runs: 69 Wins: 12 (3F,A,5GS,3G) Places: 16 £283,642
Back in form latest, likes it here, quick ground would be ideal again

BETTING: 3 All Ways Glamorous, 4 Naana's Sparkle, Toca Madera
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2-2
2025: Queen All Star 3-9-7, D Probert 5-1 (J Channon), drw 4, 8 ran.

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ALL WAYS GLAMOROUS (9-11) 10-3 fav led, faded late, 4th of 10 (btn 3½) to Tuco Salamanca (10-0) (Ascot 5f hcap (2) £41,803 good to firm).
TOCA MADERA (9-4) 5-1 jt front rank, ridden to lead 1f out, no extra finish, 3rd of 21 (btn 2½) to Air Force One (8-13) **NAANA'S SPARKLE** (9-3) 9-1 mid-division, ridden 2f out, headway 1f out, no impression, faded final furlong, 11th (btn 8½) **LEXINGTON BLITZ** (9-6) 8-1 led, ridden along 2f out, weakened 1f out, 20th (well btn) (21 ran) (York 5f (2) £69,579 good).
TOCA MADERA (9-4) 18-1 never better than midfield, no threat, 16th of 20 (btn 6½) to Sondad (9-12) (York 6f hcap (2) £69,579 good to soft).
DEMOCRACY DILEMMA (10-0) 5-4 fav led, ridden 2f out, headed 1f out, dropped to last final furlong, last of 5 (btn 6½) to Rosenpur (9-0) (Redcar 5f hcap (3) £8,100 good to firm).
KYLIAN (9-5) 9-1 led, shaken up 1f out, headed final 110yds, 4th of 8 (btn 1¾) to Fluorescence (9-7) (Pontefract 5f hcap (2) £16,493 good to firm).
NAANA'S SPARKLE (9-0) 8-1 mid-division, pushed along 2f out, ran on 1f out, ridden and led 110yds out, kept on, headed final strides, hd by Twilight Calls (8-12) **DEMOCRACY DILEMMA** (9-4) 22-1 led overall, pushed along 2f out, kept on, headed 110yds out, no extra, 4th (btn 1½) **TOCA MADERA** (9-3) 11-1 chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, ridden and every chance 1f out, no extra towards finish, 4th (btn 1½) **LEXINGTON BLITZ** (9-6) 9-1 rear, not clear run 2f out, ran on 1f out, held closing stages, 6th (btn 1¾) **DYONISOS** (8-10) 14-1 mid-division, lost ground 2f out, ridden 110yds out, 9th (btn 2½) (23 ran) (Goodwood 5f hcap (2) £38,655 good).
DREAM COMPOSER (8-6) 40-1 tracked leaders, led 3f out, headed 110yds out, no extra, 4th of 16 (btn 1½) to Trefor (9-4) (Windsor 6f hcap (2) £41,232 good to firm).

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EAMONN HAMES

1.18.....Darkness Falls
1.53.....So Lovely
2.28.....Luca Brillante
3.03...Great Barrier Reef
3.40.....Garden Party
4.15 HELLORHIGHWATER (nap)
4.50..Poweracclaim (nb)
5.25.....Ndaawi

TOM PEPPER

1.18.....Cluster
1.53.....Bellesque
2.28.....Tradewinds
3.03.....Livenka
3.40.....Della Pace
4.15.....Kalir
4.50.....Naoi
5.25.....Dark Viper

TIC-TAC: Right-handed horseshoe-shaped track of 2 miles, with a run in of 3f and an uphill finish. 5f and 6f races are run on the straight track.
DRAW: Stalls stand side (Low), far rails (High). **FAVOURITES:** (2021-2026): 301 have won out of 978 races (30.8%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 57 have won out of 172 races (33.1%).
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TRAINERS with best record in last 14 days: J & T Gosden 6 wins from 22 runners; H De Bromhead 9 from 36; G Cromwell 7 from 30; G Boughey 8 from 37. **JOCKEYS with best record in last 14 days:** S Coen 3 wins from 13 rides; C Soumillon 5 from 24; A Caffrey 3 from 15; C T Keane 6 from 32 rides.
TRAINERS who have had the most runners since last win: Miss S J Harty 200; J G Coogan 64; C Timmons 60; C Weld 48.
JOCKEYS who have had the most rides since last win: Jamie Powell 65; N M Crosse 45; A J Slattery 40.

TOP TRAINERS

2021-2026 A P O'Brien 163-751, J P O'Brien 91-804, J P Murtagh 44-466, G M Lyons 39-307. **THIS SEASON:** A P O'Brien 21, J P O'Brien 17, A Slattery 6.

TOP JOCKEYS

2021-2026 C T Keane 72-548, W J Lee 63-518, W M Lordan 42-405, C D Hayes 40-523. **THIS SEASON:** C T Keane 13, W J Lee 11, C D Hayes 5, W M Lordan 5.

TRAINER TRACE

FIRST RACE FOR NEW YARD: 4.50 Lethimfly N Meade to G Keane; **Top Biller** J & S Birkett to D Hogan; **5.25 Free Flow** R O'Sullivan to Edward F Power; **Sneddy Eddie** N C Kelly to G Elliott. **RACEFAX:** D K Weld won the 4.15 in 2019, 2023 & 2025. A P O'Brien won the 1.18 in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024 & 2025, and won the 1.53 in 2018, 2020, 2023 & 2024, and won the 3.03 in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024 & 2025, and won the 3.40 in 2016, 2017, 2019 & 2023. G M Lyons won the 3.40 in 2021 & 2025. P Twomey won the 3.03 in 2022 & 2023. J P O'Brien won the 4.15 in 2022 & 2024. J Harrington won the 1.53 in 2019 & 2021, and won the 5.25 in 2023 & 2025.
LONGEST TRAVELLERS: Free Flow (5.25) trained by Edward F Power, round trip of 146 miles.

IN THE MONEY

MONEY TALKS: Tyson Fury (5.25) opened 13-8 second at 6-5f; **Ole Ole** (5.25) opened 4-9 won at 1-3f; **Pierre Royal** (4.15) opened 9-4 unplaced at 7-4f; **Ballyskeagh** (1.53) opened 9-4 won at 7-4f; **Hardy Warrior** (4.15) opened 13-8 third at 11-8f.

TOP EARNERS

4.15 **Big Gossey**.....€724,561
4.50 **Flaming Rib**.....€557,317

UNDER ORDERS

SEVEN-DAY WINNERS: None.
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.
VISORED FIRST TIME: 3.03 Beibhinn; 4.15 Hardy Warrior.
WEIGHTWATCHER: 4.15 **Slieve Binnian** (won off 88 down 4lb to 84); **Rahmi** (won off 103 down 6lb to 97); 4.50 **Tawaazon** (won off 65 down 9lb to 56)
JOB JOCKEY: S Coen rides **Naoi** (4.50) for W McCreery, 4 from 7, 57%. W J Lee rides **Velozee** (3.03), **Bosphorus Rose** (3.40) for P Twomey, 177 from 649, 27%. C Soumillon rides **Miss Scott** (3.40) for J & T Gosden, 4 from 18, 22%.

1.18 JOHN ORMONDE WEXFORD SAND IRISH EBF (C & G) MAIDEN; 2-y-o; winner €13,200; 1m. (16 runners)

1 (4) 0 **A I NATION 20** J Murtagh 9-5 ..... **Ben Coen 74**
2 (2) **ADVERSITY** N Lupini 9-5 ..... **Billy Lee —**
3 (13) 4 **ALBANY COUNTY 13** A P O'Brien 9-5 ..... **Wayne Lordan ●99**
4 (8) **CLUSTER** J O'Brien 9-5 ..... **Colin Keane —**
5 (6) **CMON NOW THE VIEW** G Caldwell 9-5 ..... **Wesley Joyce (3) —**
6 (1) 3 **DARKNESS FALLS 37** A P O'Brien 9-5 ..... **Ryan Moore 97**
7 (15) 47 **HIGHEST ORDER** 14 G Lyons 9-5 ..... **Jack Kearney (3) 91**
8 (14) **KINGDOM OF CAMELOT** A P O'Brien 9-5 ..... **Jack Cleary (5) —**
9 (9) **LUMIEREBLEU** J Murtagh 9-5 ..... **Seamie Heffernan —**
10 (12) 9 **MOON SAND 13** J O'Brien 9-5 ..... **Declan McDonogh 79**
11 (11) **NOUVEAU GREY** R O'Sullivan 9-5 ..... **Shane Foley —**
12 (7) **PAUL PIERRE** D Weld 9-5 ..... **Chris Hayes —**
13 (5) 85 **ROCK ON JOHNNY 17** A McGuinness 9-5 ..... **Adam Caffrey 78**
14 (3) 9 **ROMAYAN 20** J Murtagh 9-5 ..... **Jamie Powell 76**
15 (16) **SILK TWIST** T Mullins 9-5 ..... **Niall McCullagh —**
16 (10) 5 **TED'S TURN 106** J Murphy 9-5 ..... **Gary Carroll 83**

BETTING: 2 Darkness Falls, 9-2 Albany County, 5 Kingdom Of Camelot, 11-2 Cluster, 15-2 Paul Pierre, 16 Highest Order, Ted's Turn, 25 Adversity, A I Nation
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 5 1 1
2025: Hawk Mountain 9-5 Wayne Lordan 10-11 Fav (A P O'Brien) drawn 1, 7 ran.

1.53 NEWTOWNANNER STUD STAKES (FILLIES' G3) (1) 2-Y-O; winner €42,000; 1m (10 run)

1 51 **BALLYSKEAGH 44**
(4) J O'Brien 9-2 ..... **Chris Hayes 94**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (G) €13,017
Came forward from debut to win Leop maiden (7f), not out of place here

2 213 **BELLESQUE 22 (D)**
(10) J O'Brien 9-2 ..... **Declan McDonogh 98**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 €18,678
No disgrace behind the boys in Gowran Lstd last time, taken seriously

3 514 **DAMSEL IN DISTRESS 15**
(8) D McLoughlin 9-2 ..... **Ben Coen 89**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) €15,008
Roscommon winner, step up for Lstd fourth at Cork but this tougher still

4 033 **EXCEPTIONALLY 20**
(9) A P O'Brien 9-2 ..... **Wayne Lordan 86**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 €4,711
Learning her trade, this first try in stakes company, won't be disgraced

5 41 **SAMNINA 32**
(2) J Harrington 9-2 ..... **Shane Foley ●99**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 €12,562
Taking Galway maiden (7f) win, looks capable of better, won't be far away

6 422314 **SEA OF RAIN 22**
(6) J Bolger 9-2 ..... **Colin Keane 93**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 €26,653
Place behind Bellesque latest, most battle-hardened of these, squeak

7 221 **SO LOVELY 9**
(7) A P O'Brien 9-2 ..... **Ryan Moore 98**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 €29,047
Well on top for Leop maiden (7f) win, going right way, Ryan's pick, fancied

8 62 **SPECKLES 20**
(5) A P O'Brien 9-2 ..... **Ronan Whelan 91**
Runs: 2 Places: 1 €6,149
Stuck to task well latest, this trip a plus, one of three for Ballydoyle here

9 718 **SWORD OF STATE 11**
(3) B Duke 9-2 ..... **Rory Cleary 83**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) €12,397
Excuses latest (lost shoe), has more wins in her but this plenty tough enough

10 5551 **TOSCA NO CANDIS 14**
(1) R Aguiar 9-2 ..... **Billy Lee 95**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) €16,116
Off mark Dundalk (6f) last time, return to 1m not certain to suit, down list

BETTING: 7-4 So Lovely, 3 Bellesque, 13-2 Samnina, 8 Ballyskeagh, 10 Speckles, 12 Exceptionally, 14 Damsel In Distress, 16 Tosca No Candis, 20 Sea Of Rain, 50 Sword Of State
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 1 1 5
2025: Queen Of Hawaii 9-2, D McMonagle 10-3 (J P O'Brien), drw 6, 6 ran.

2.28 AUDI NAAS NURSERY HANDICAP; 2-y-o; value to the winner €12,600; 7f. (6 runners)

1 (1) 532330 **TRADEWINDS 20** D O'Brien 10-3 ..... **Paddy Harnett (3) ●99**
2 (6) 802241 **BANKS OF THE BOYNE 9 (D)** M Mulvany 9-11 ..... **Wesley Joyce (3) 98**
3 (2) 672 **LUCA BRILLANTE 11** D Weld 9-10 ..... **Chris Hayes 96**
4 (3) 637 **MARGOT MAE 51** J Harrington 9-10 ..... **Shane Foley 90**
5 (5) 089 **ELYATTA 24 (T★)** N Meade 8-9 ..... **Reese Holohan (7) 77**
6 (4) 7004 **EXCHANGE STUDENT 24** J Stack 8-7 ..... **Julian Pietropaolo (7) 92**

BETTING: 2 Banks Of The Boyne, 3 Luca Brillante, 4 Tradewinds, 8 Margot Mae, 12 Elyatta, 14 Exchange Student
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 4 1 5 2
2025: Jordi Bear 9-7 Joseph Sheridan 6-1 (J A Stack) drawn 8, 8 ran.

3.03 ROUND TOWER STAKES (GROUP 3) (1) 2-Y-O; winner €42,000; 6f (7 runners)

1 111 **GREAT BARRIER REEF 74 (CD)**
(5) A P O'Brien 9-10 ..... **Ryan Moore ●99**
Runs: 3 Wins: 3 (S,F,G) €159,040
Coventry winner, top prospect from a top stable, sure to be thereabouts

2 1 **PUSH THE BOAT OUT 20 (CD)**
(7) M O'Callaghan 9-5 ..**Seamie Heffernan 94**
Runs: 1 Wins: 1 (F) €12,397
No fluke about C&D maiden win, this bigger test but respected nevertheless

3 145 **RULER'S CONTROL 32 (C)**
(1) J O'Brien 9-5 ..... **Chris Hayes 93**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (S) €22,989
G'wood not his cup of tea latest, worth another shot and place prospects

4 1104 **WHERE LOVE LIVES 30**
(2) D O'Brien 9-5 ... **Christophe Soumillon 92**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2G) €41,640
Better than he was able to show at G'wood last time, don't write him off

5 41336 **BEIBHINN 15 (V★;D)**
(6) J O'Brien 9-2 ..... **Declan McDonogh 86**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) €37,157
Fine effort Grp 2 here three starts back but hasn't built on it, visor on, sniff

6 3311 **LIVENKA 26 (D)**
(3) G Lyons 9-2 ..... **Colin Keane 96**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 €106,942
Going right way, well worth first attempt at black type, taken seriously

7 114833 **VELOZEE 20 (C)**
(4) P Twomey 9-2 ..... **Billy Lee 97**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 2 €80,777
Close third in C&D Grp 1 latest, classy sort who is holding her form, fancied

BETTING: Evs Great Barrier Reef, 11-4 Velozee, 6 Livenka, 15-2 Push The Boat Out, 11 Where Love Lives, 12 Ruler's Control, 20 Beibhinn
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 1 1 1
2025: Mission Central 9-5, W Lordan 11-8 Fav (A P O'Brien), drw 8, 10 ran.

3.40 SNOW FAIRY FILLIES STAKES (GROUP 3) (1) winner €42,000; 1m 1f (15 runners)

1 30-315 **BOSPHORUS ROSE 15**
(9) P Twomey 4-9-7 ..... **Billy Lee 95**
Runs: 14 Wins: 5 (S,F,3G) Places: 6 €65,986
Shade too keen latest, drop back to 9f not certain to suit, in the hunt

2 121-34 **FAIYUM 116 (BF,D)**
(6) G Lyons 4-9-7 ..... **Colin Keane 97**
Runs: 6 Wins: 3 (S,G) Places: 2 €70,723
Grp 3 win last autumn promised much but hasn't kicked on, jury's out

3 -72500 **PRINCESS CHILD 15**
(11) J O'Brien 5-9-7 ..... **Scott McCullagh 88**
Runs: 27 Wins: 5 (2S,G) Places: 10 €230,316
Has gone off boil since the spring, has it in locker but bit to prove now

4 -11935 **SINDRIA 62 (D)**
(5) J O'Brien 4-9-7 ..... **Declan McDonogh 89**
Runs: 10 Wins: 3 (2S) Places: 1 €50,289
Respectable efforts all season, go well but vulnerable for win in this grade

5 -58487 **SPICY MARGARITA 35**
(2) R Aguiar 4-9-7 ..... **Leigh Roche 86**
Runs: 18 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 €29,598
AW maiden winner, been found wanting in this company, more of same

6 336249 **SYZYGY 8 (C)**
(10) D McLoughlin 4-9-7 ..... **Ben Coen 88**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (2S) Places: 3 €44,959
Hcap hat-trick last autumn, yet to hit those heights this year, struggle here

7 33310- **THALARA 343 (D)**
(7) H Bromhead 6-9-7 ..... **Andy Slattery 90**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 €43,379
Trounced in Gowran Grp 3 when last seen, needs bounce back on return

8 5-2434 **DELLA PACE 66**
(8) G Boughey (UK) 3-9-0 ..**Ronan Whelan 87**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 €28,630
Put in her place in Naas Grp 3 latest, UK raider playing for places at best

9 13958 **DROP DEAD GORGEOUS 45**
(3) A P O'Brien 3-9-0 ..... **Ryan Moore 92**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 1 €17,066
Promised much early doors but has failed to kick on, Ryan's pick at least

10 22-1 **GARDEN PARTY 15**
(1) A P O'Brien 3-9-0 ..... **Wayne Lordan 94**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 2 €13,223
Off mark in ordinary Cork maiden on return, this whole lot tougher, sniff

11 111112 **MERIDEN 30 (BF,C)**
(13) D Hogan 3-9-0 ..... **Chris Hayes 96**
Runs: 10 Wins: 5 (S,F,2G) Places: 1 €104,810
Revelation this season, denied six-timer Galway Lstd latest, respected

12 1-212 **MISS SCOTT 17 (BF)**
(15) J & T Gosden (UK) 3-9-0 **Christophe Soumillon ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 2 €44,229
No disgrace stakes bow latest, Soumy up and from top British yard, player

13 2-3841 **PIVOTAL ATTACK 30**
(4) J Murphy 3-9-0 ..... **Gary Carroll 95**
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 Places: 2 €60,777
Ended Meriden's golden run latest, any rain would help, dangerous

14 7115 **SAGA GAGA 35 (D)**
(14) M O'Callaghan 3-9-0 **Seamie Heffernan 84**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (G) €20,579
Found step up to Lstd company too tough latest, this even tougher ask

15 31-533 **SKY WATCH 45**
(12) M O'Callaghan 3-9-0 .... **Jamie Powell 86**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 €26,570
Behind Meriden at Killarney (Lstd) latest, needs more to figure in this

BETTING: 4 Miss Scott, 9-2 Faiyum, 13-2 Meriden, 15-2 Pivotal Attack, 10 Bosphorus Rose, 11 Garden Party, 14 Thalara, Drop Dead Gorgeous, 16 Princess Child, Sky Watch, Della Pace, Sindria
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 3 2 3 1
2025: Red Letter 3-9-0, G Carroll 6-5 Fav (G M Lyons), drw 2, 7 ran.

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BOSPHORUS ROSE (9-9) 5-2 mid-division, travelled well in 2nd under 3f out, every chance final furlong, no extra closing stages, 5th of 8 (btn 2¼l) to Believed (8-13) (Cork 1¼m Grp 3 (1) €42,000 good).
SINDRIA (9-5) 7-2 disputed lead early, pushed along and led 2f out, stayed on well final furlong, bt Lemsairbat (9-5) 2¼l **FAIYUM** (9-8) 8-11 fav disputed lead early, led after 2f, headed 2f out, dropped to 3rd 1f out, no extra, 4th (btn 3¼l) (9 ran) (Gowran Park 1m1f Listed (1) €30,000 good to yielding).
PRINCESS CHILD (9-2) 5-1 in rear, not much room over 1f out, no extra inside final furlong, last of 11 (btn 5l) to Suzie Songs (8-10) (Cork 7f Listed (1) €30,000 good).
SINDRIA (9-6) 25-1 led, headed 2f out, no impression final furlong, 5th of 7 (btn 3l) to Purview (9-9) (Curragh 1¼m Grp 3 (1) €60,000 good).
SPICY MARGARITA (9-2) 12-1 in rear, ridden 2f out, kept on without threatening, last of 7 (btn 11l) to Summer Is Tomorrow (9-9) (Gowran Park 1m (3) €10,800 good).
SYZYGY (9-4) 12-1 dwelt, towards rear, never a factor, 9th of 10 (btn 6l) to Jagged Edge (9-9) (Killarney 1m Listed (1) €30,000 good).
FAIYUM (9-2) 5-6 fav made all, asserted over 2f out, kept on well inside final furlong, bt Higher Leaves (9-7) 7l
THALARA (9-7) 8-1 tracked leaders, no impression in rear over 2f out, tailed off, last (well btn) (Gowran Park 1m 1f Grp 3 (1) €36,000 heavy).
DELLA PACE (9-2) 7-1 towards rear, ridden to go moderate 4th 1f out, kept on, 4th of 5 (btn 5¾l) to Rebel Moon (9-2) (Naas 1¼m Grp 3 (1) €45,000 good).
MERIDEN (9-2) 11-2 mid-division, smooth headway 3f out, ridden to lead 1f out, kept on strongly, bt Gran Carrera (9-2) 1½l **SKY WATCH** (9-2) 16-1 tracked leader, led briefly 2f out, headed under 2f out, no extra, 3rd (btn 3l) **PIVOTAL ATTACK** (9-2) 7-2 prominent, switched right under 2f out, kept on one pace final furlong, 4th (btn 3½l) **DROP DEAD GORGEOUS** (9-2) 17-2 towards rear, 8th halfway, ridden over 2f out, never in contention, 8th (btn 11l) (10 ran) (Killarney 1m Listed (1) €30,000 good).
GARDEN PARTY (9-3) 6-5 fav soon tracked leader, closed in 2nd approaching straight, led narrowly 3f out, headed 2f out, rallied to lead 1f out, kept on well closing stages, bt Zadawa (9-3) ¾l (11 ran) (Cork 1¼m mdn €9,000 good).
PIVOTAL ATTACK (9-0) 3-1 tracked leader, led final 200 yards, kept on well closing stages, bt **MERIDEN** (9-3) 2-1 fav tracked leaders, under pressure in 3rd 1f out, kept on into 2nd closing stages, no impression on winner, 1¼l (9 ran) (Galway 7f Listed (1) €31,500 yielding to soft).
MISS SCOTT (8-10) 13-8 jt fav in rear, ridden in fourth well over 1f out, ran on and chased leader over 110yds out, no impression, btn 1l by On Message (8-10) (7 ran) (Salisbury 1¼m Listed (1) £39,697 good to firm).
SAGA GAGA (9-0) 13-2 tracked leaders in 3rd, ridden in 3rd 2f out, no extra, 5th of 7 (btn 4¼l) to Nil Bua Gan Dua (9-5) (Gowran Park 1¼m Listed (1) €30,000 good).

4.15 TOTE IRISH CAMBRIDGESHIRE (PREMIER HANDICAP) winner €60,000; 1m (18 run)

1 192125 **BIG GOSSEY 20 (C)**
(14) C O'Brien 9-10-2 ..... **Sam Coen (5) 92**
Runs: 91 Wins: 12 (2S,2A,6G) Places: 24 €598,810
Loves it here, albeit not at his best latest, plenty of weight, e-w squeak

2 -13443 **HARDY WARRIOR 8 (V★;BF,D)**
(17) J O'Brien 3-9-7 ..... **Declan McDonogh ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (S) Places: 3 €84,653
Solid efforts this season, visor could eke out bit more, taken seriously

3 -15275 **RIBEE 32 (CD)**
(6) M Mulvany 4-9-7 ..... **Ben Coen 92**
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (3S) Places: 5 €95,785
Faded late on back from break latest, won Lincolnshire here, in hunt

4 -98062 **RAHMI 22 (CD)**
(4) J Murtagh 7-9-6 ..... **Rory Mulligan (5) 90**
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (GS,G) Places: 6 €212,379
More like it latest under this pilot, hcapper giving him chance, danger

5 6-6124 **PIERRE ROYAL 27 (BF,CD)**
(10) A McGuinness 4-9-2 ..... **Adam Caffrey 96**
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 €82,645
Won Premier Hcap here in June, not disgraced since, one for shortlist

6 367805 **LORD MASSUSUS 27 (CD)**
(11) J Murphy 6-9-1 ..... **Gary Carroll 90**
Runs: 40 Wins: 7 (S,3G) Places: 6 €309,603
Hasn't yet hit top gear this season, more than capable at best, sniff

7 5-211 **LOUGHREA 44 (CD)**
(7) A Slattery 4-9-0 ..... **Andy Slattery 98**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 1 €27,314
Won maiden here then off mark on hcap bow at Leop, up 5lb, threat

8 10-009 **DOS MUKASAN 27 (D)**
(1) G O'Leary 4-8-13 ..... **Shane Foley 88**
Runs: 14 Wins: 4 (2A,2GS) Places: 1 €66,889
Fair level of form in France, but not close to that for this yard so far, left

9 471702 **FINAL VOYAGE 20 (D)**
(3) J Murtagh 8-8-13 ..... **Jessica Maye (7) 87**
Runs: 57 Wins: 8 (7A) Places: 15 €152,556
Fine effort C&D latest, goes well for this rider, up 2lb but don't rule out

10 0-5028 **BOOYEA 20 (B;CD)**
(16) T Gibney 6-8-12 ..... **Billy Lee 91**
Runs: 25 Wins: 4 (3G) Places: 3 €122,340
Sixth in this last year, blinkers have reignited his fire of late, interesting

11 221-1 **HELLORHIGHWATER 126 (D)**
(9) N Lupini 4-8-11 ..... **Wayne Lordan 94**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (S) Places: 2 €20,744
Brave to scrape home at Limerick, up 3lb and break since, give good account

12 -32821 **MANTON BAY 8 (D)**
(2) D Marnane 3-8-11(7lbex). **Luke McAteer 95**
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 3 €35,702
Consistent, pen for Killarney win last week makes this tough but not impossible

13 -34411 **KALIR 20 (CD)**
(12) D Weld 3-8-8 ..... **Chris Hayes 97**
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (F,G) Places: 2 €27,438
Beat Final Voyage here hcap bow latest, 6lb hike but can remain competitive

14 -80230 **PLAYIN COOL 51**
(5) J Feane 4-8-7 ..... **Nathan Crosse 83**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 3 €21,756
Couple of good efforts in June but way off pace latest, bit to prove now

15 7-0500 **GENUINE ARTICLE 27 (D)**
(13) G Keane 6-8-7 ..... **Nicola Burns (5) 86**
Runs: 25 Wins: 2 (S) Places: 8 €57,472
Has struggled so far this season, unlikely his fortunes will change here

16 006974 **SLIEVE BINNIAN 14 (BF,CD)**
(8) D Marnane 6-8-7 ..... **Jamie Powell 85**
Runs: 37 Wins: 7 (F,4A,G) Places: 4 €160,174
In good form last summer, hint of return to form AW latest, risky bet

17 31-000 **ENGINES ON 76 (C)**
(15) J Kinsella 6-8-7 ... **Keithen Kennedy (5) 79**
Runs: 18 Wins: 3 (S) Places: 4 €48,180
Back down to last winning mark but torrid time so far this season, avoid

18 157112 **JOHNNY SODA 31 (D)**
(18) A McGuinness 3-8-7 **Reese Holohan (7) 91**
Runs: 11 Wins: 3 (S,2G) Places: 3 €39,380
Narrowly denied hat-trick at Galway, this tough but won't be disgraced

BETTING: 9-2 Hardy Warrior, 11-2 Pierre Royal, 6 Loughrea, 7 Manton Bay, 8 Kalir, 10 Hellorhighwater, 12 Ribee, 14 Big Gossey, Lord Massusus, Booyea, Rahmi, 16 Final Voyage, 25 Genuine Article
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 0 3 2 0
2025: Jagged Edge 3-8-4, W Hassett 22-1 (D K Weld), drw 6, 15 ran.

4.50 HOLDEN PLANT RENTALS APPRENTICE HANDICAP; value to the winner €10,800; 6f. (21 runners)

1 (5) 24-0070 **GERRIT'S GEM 20 (D)** J Coogan 6-10-3 ..... **Jack Cleary 84**
2 (18) 3169001 **FAOLADH 28** A Slattery 4-10-1 ..... **Ava Maher (7) ●99**
3 (4) 3338-1 **NAOI 9** W McCreery 4-10-0 ..... **Sam Coen 97**
4 (3) 40-5487 **FLAMING RIB 26 (V;D)** A McGuinness 7-9-13 ..... **Conor Cusack (7) 85**
5 (12) 35-4043 **POWERACCLAIM 49 (BF)** J Murtagh 4-9-10 ..... **Patrick McGettigan 92**
6 (13) 98-4056 **FOUR BLONDES 7** R O'Sullivan 5-9-9 ..... **Shane Markey (7) 87**
7 (11) 30-2000 **LETHIMFLY 56** G Keane 4-9-9 ..... **Darragh O'Sullivan (4) 78**
8 (1) **5-2560 CALL THE CAVALRY 14** C Timmons 3-9-7 ..... **Adam Grant (7) 90**
9 (16) -907202 **ROSATO 7 (D)** C Weld 5-9-6 ..... **Rory Mulligan 94**
10 (10) 0463294 **COINCIDENTAL GLORY 7** A McGuinness 3-9-5 ..... **Reese Holohan (2) 95**
11 (21) -660202 **TOP BILLER 72 (D)** D Hogan 4-9-4 ..... **Jared Huggan (7) 89**
12 (8) 0-96572 **APOTHIC RED 24 (V)** T McCourt 3-9-2 ..... **Sadhbh Tormey (7) 94**
13 (7) 7215267 **DERVO ANNIE 33 (D)** C O'Connell 3-9-2 ..... **Julian Pietropaolo (2) 91**
14 (6) 0295945 **TAWAAZON 6 (B;CD)** J Kinsella 8-9-0 ..... **Shay Wallace (7) 89**
15 (19) 66-0009 **CAFFU ZAFEEN 7 (P★)** P Flynn 5-8-12 ..... **Nicola Burns 73**
16 (20) 4160480 **I'M SPARTACUS 6 (D)** A McGuinness 5-8-10 ..... **Keithen Kennedy 84**
17 (14) 07-6024 **SIMMERING SEAS 6 (P★;BF)** D Murphy 3-8-9 ..... **Jimmy Dalton (7) 96**
18 (17) 709 **STRIKEPOINT 14** J Feane 3-8-9 ..... **Robyn Donaghue-Leahy (2) 70**
19 (2) -008375 **FONTAINE KHALED 22** E & P Harty 3-8-8 ..... **Jessica O'Gorman (4) 79**
20 (15) -006174 **ANOTHER NICE'DAY 15** M Lynch 3-8-7 ..... **Orla Tynan (4) 88**
21 (9) 97606 **PURE VALOUR 13** J Coogan 4-8-7 ..... **Mel Sheridan (7) 75**

BETTING: 9-2 Faoladh, 5 Naoi, 13-2 Rosato, 15-2 Coincidental Glory, 10 Simmering Seas, Apothic Red, 11 Another Nice'day, Poweracclaim
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 0 5 2
2025: Carrigans Grove 4-9-8 Robyn Donaghue-Leahy 6-1 (P J Flynn) drawn 15, 21 ran.

5.25 PAT SMULLEN CANCER TRIALS IRELAND CHARITY RACE; value to the winner €61; 1m 4f. (19 runners)

1 6885216 **DARK VIPER 20** J Harrington 5-12-9 ..... **Tara Hayes**
2 0/46-31 **NDAAWI J30 (CD)** G Elliott 6-12-9 ..... **Nina Carberry**
3 8- **DUKE SILVER J7** J O'Brien 6-12-6 ..... **Owen Fagan**
4 **KING GRIS J99** G Elliott 6-12-6 ..... **Jane O'Sullivan**
5 2228/5- **FREE FLOW J39** E Power 6-12-3 ..... **Roisin Conway**
6 **MR DIBBS J10** G Cromwell 7-12-3 ..... **Eimear Browne**
7 **OLE OLE J133** G Cromwell 4-12-3 ..... **Orla McKenna**
8 33-3245 **THE MEDIATOR 51** G Elliott 9-12-3 ..... **Max Hart**
9 461060 **TRITEN FURY J21 (D)** D Hogan 9-12-3 ..... **Tom Foley**
10 24-2518 **WILD SAPPHIRE 37** D Weld 4-12-3 ..... **Alister Weld**
11 7745466 **NEO SMART 7 (C)** J Bolger 5-12-1 ..... **Gordon Power**
12 80 **LONELYHARBOURWALL 9** D Weld 4-12-0 ..... **Alex O'Connor**
13 0/7600- **O'REILLY J117** P Fahey 8-12-0 ..... **Francis Fagan**
14 0425522 **STAR HARBOUR 14 (CD)** A McGuinness 8-12-0 ..... **Tadhg McGuinness**
15 0/00-96 **SUPREME LAW 8** S Harty 7-12-0 ..... **Lisa Wynne**
16 0-60874 **TALKING TOUGH 40** S Duffy 9-12-0 ..... **Ava Bourke**
17 8-87060 **IDOMYTHING 57 (D)** T Cleary 4-11-12 ..... **Annie O'Neill**
18 906/0 **I'M FLATTERED J36** P Roche 6-11-12 ..... **John Ennis**
19 700-645 **PARTY DRESS 37** W McCreery 6-11-12 ..... **Daisy Mae Christie**
20 **WESTERN FOLD J123** G Elliott 7-12-9 ..... **RESERVE**
21 0/0149- **SNEDDY EDDIE J20** G Elliott 6-12-6 ..... **RESERVE**
22 **COOLE CAFE J122** G Cromwell 4-12-4 ..... **RESERVE**

BETTING: 4 Ndaawi, 5 Dark Viper, 13-2 Star Harbour, 10 Ole Ole, 12 Wild Sapphire
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 2
2025: Mo Ghille Mar 4-12-4 O Marnane 11-4 (J Harrington), 21 ran.

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■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, sharp and undulating track of 1m, with a 4f run-in. There are 6 fences and 4 hurdles per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): J Moffatt 43-278, B Haslam 22-107, S England 15-83. THIS SEASON: J Moffatt 8, M Bowen 5. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): S Bowen 23-122, R McLernon 20-97, B Hughes 18-134. THIS SEASON: H Skelton 4, S Bowen 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Sadies Diamond (2.05), Pink 'n Purple (2.40), Path Of Stars (5.05). Round trip of 530 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: J Moffatt won the 2.05 in 2019 and 2023, and won the 3.53 in 2016, 2019 and 2021, and won the 5.05 in 2024 and 2025. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Hopjes (2.05), Masekela (2.05), Halfway House Lad (5.05), Roi Du Roume (5.05). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

2.05 CONDITIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE (Cl5); winner £4,198; 2m 1f. (12 run)
1 -821 **ZAMOND 40 (CD)** D McCain 10-12-0 **H Brown (10)**
2 -342 **MR LINCOLN F21** I Jardine 6-11-9 **C Maggs**
3 633 **MASEKELA 40** J Moffatt 7-11-6 **J Power**
4 1U-2 **LORD OF THE GLANCE 113** A Hales 7-11-2 **T McCain-Mitchell**
5 5121 **MI SUENO 4** N Scholfield 7-10-13(7ex) **J Anderson**
6 7131 **ALVESTA 42 (CD)** J Moffatt 5-10-12 **L Norcei (10)**
7 U284 **MALANGEN 48 (D)** L Harrison 11-10-6 **D Hislop (5)**
8 28-3 **SADIES DIAMOND 48** S Mullins 7-10-6 **J Stenhouse (5)**
9 8-95 **AMBASSADOR 40 (V;CD)** M Hammond 9-10-5 **J Thompson (3)**
10 849- **JEEPYDOFF MEEL 241** L Harrison 8-10-2 **A Stevens**
11 4634 **MR GLOBALIST 40 (V)** L Quinlan 7-10-2 **H Atkins**
12 -975 **HOPJES 41** H Dickin 7-10-2 **M Bevan (10)**

Alvesta ●99, Lord Of The Glance 98, Mi Sueno 97.
3 Alvesta, 9-2 Zamond, 13-2 Mi Sueno, Lord Of The Glance

2.40 NOVICE HURDLE (4); winner £5,446; 2m 1f. (10 runners)
1 3-1 **GAMBINO 40 (CD)** D Skelton 5-11-9 **H Skelton**
2 P-73 **DESTINATION UNKOWN 14** M Chapman 5-11-2 **J Best**
3 7-75 **HAWTHORN ROAD 14 (H)** I Jardine 5-11-2 **D McMenamin**
4 36-5 **REDBRIDGE ROCCO 69** P Neville 7-11-2. **J Williamson**
5 2-31 **WHERMYROSEMARYGOES 36** F Bramley 5-11-2 **H Cobden**
6 **CHAMPAGNE POWDER F98** J Moffatt 4-10-13 **B Hughes**
7 -363 **FAITHFUL GUARDIAN 38** D McCain 4-10-13... **T Gillard**
8 553- **PINK 'N PURPLE 146** S Mullins 4-10-13 **B Macey (5)**
9 9- **ARGENTUM F56** G Bewley 4-10-6 **J Bewley**
10 -P56 **MANHATANE 42** J Moffatt 4-10-6 **L Norcei (7)**

Gambino ●99, Whermyrosemarygoes 97, Hawthorn Road 83.
5-6 Gambino, 9-4 Whermyrosemarygoes, 10 Champagne Powder

3.15 HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,882; 3m 1f. (14 runners)
1 5613 **STILETTO 10** S Leech 8-12-0 **R Leech (7)**
2 5453 **SECRET SECRET 40 (C)** J Moffatt 10-11-11 **B Hughes**
3 6643 **FRISKY WHISKEY 42** B Ellison 5-11-9 **N Moscrop**
4 6786 **DUSKY DAYS 40 (V★;C)** J Moffatt 9-11-6 **C Bewley**
5 -310 **LARKFIELD LUSIVE 55** L Morgan 7-11-6 **D McMenamin**
6 -21P **KILLYBEGS JET LADY 77 (V)** L Russell & M Scudamore 9-11-5 **D Fox**
7 69-4 **GETAWAY MASTER 108** M Hammond 9-11-4 **J Thompson (5)**
8 -P14 **SEEYAINTHESUNINN 40 (BF,C)** M Hammond 6-11-2 **A Stevens (3)**
9 -232 **MASTERMINDING 40 (BF)** J Moffatt 7-11-1 **L Norcei (7)**
10 6-76 **ROBERT D'ORES 84** G Bewley 9-10-13 **J Bewley**
11 3113 **KINGOFTHEGAME 42 (BF,CD)** M Todhunter 8-10-12 **R Mania**
12 5-42 **STAR VANTAGE 55** R Menzies 9-10-11 **C Maggs (3)**
13 7934 **FORTUNES DAWN 14** W Young Jnr 7-10-6 . **P Kavanagh**
14 684- **ANOTHER PEARL 283 (B★)** M Bowen 6-10-4 **S Bowen**

Kingofthegame ●99, Masterminding 98, Star Vantage 97.
9-2 Kingofthegame, 5 Star Vantage, 15-2 Masterminding

3.53 HANDICAP HURDLE (3); winner £11,004; 2m 1f. (14 runners)
1 0-7P **ZILLOW 34** F Bramley 6-12-1 **H Cobden**
2 -317 **MY CHIQUITA 42 (CD)** J Moffatt 7-11-13 **L Norcei (7)**
3 6-11 **ROYSSE 73 (D)** B Pauling 7-11-11 **B Morgan (5)**
4 05-8 **SALIGO BAY F27 (CD)** S England 8-11-10 **J England**
5 11F1 **EDELAK 41** D Skelton 4-11-10 **H Skelton**
6 1444 **MORNING MAYHEM 7 (BF,D)** N Scholfield 5-11-7 **H Reed**
7 8-51 **BANDERAS F75** S England 6-11-5 **R McLernon**
8 32-7 **MEDIEVAL GOLD 14 (B;D)** P Neville 6-11-5 **D Fox**
9 -141 **KING ULANDA 45 (D)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 6-11-4 **non-runner**
10 21/ **VIRTUAL ROCK F23** J Butler 7-10-13 **S Bowen**
11 -412 **DROMBEG LAD 34 (BF)** A Hales 6-10-12 **K Woods**
12 -354 **GOT GREY 42 (D)** J Moffatt 7-10-10 **B Hughes**
13 1P-5 **LIGHTENING COMPANY 64 (CD)** B Haslam 8-10-5 **K Brogan**
14 5-33 **AL MOOTAMARID 59** R Hatch 5-10-3 **J Turner (5)**

Morning Mayhem ●99, Edelak 98, Drombeg Lad 97.
11-4 Edelak, 7-2 Roysse, 13-2 Drombeg Lad, Banderas, 8 Morning Mayhem, 11 Medieval Gold, Virtual Rock, 14 Al Mootamarid

Sun FORM
ZILLOW pulled up latest, earlier (12-0) 18-1 chased leaders, struggling 3 out, 7th of 9 (btn 34l) to Filibustering (11-3) (Cartmel 2m 1f hcap hdle (2) £22,708 good).
MY CHIQUITA (11-7) 9-2 towards rear, never on terms, 7th of 11 (btn 11l) to Secret Force (11-2) **SALIGO BAY** (11-7) 20-1 close up, lost position before last, weakened run-in, 8th (btn 11l) (Cartmel 2m 1f lady hcap hdl (3) £12,825 good).
ROYSSE (11-9) 2-1 jt fav in rear, led before last, ran on strongly and always doing enough run-in, bt Ez Tiger (10-12) 1¾l (5 ran) (Worcester 2m hcap hdle (4) £4,066 good).
EDELAK (11-1) 4-6 fav made all, ridden clear run-in, comfortably, bt Obsessedwithyou (10-13) 7l (4 ran) (Stratford 2m nov hdle (3) £8,169 good to firm).
MORNING MAYHEM (10-12) 7-4 fav handy, weakened before last, 4th of 5 (btn 16l) to American Sniper (10-11) (Newton Abbot 2¾m hcap hdle (2) £16,070 good to firm).
BANDERAS (11-11) 11-1 in touch, pushed along to lead before last, kept on well flat, bt Well Educated (10-12) 4¼l (10 ran) (Hexham 2½m hcap hdle (4) £5,888 good).
MEDIEVAL GOLD (11-2) 16-1 mid-division, pushed along before 2 out, found nil, 7th of 8 (btn 19l) to Nap Hand (10-5) (Perth 2m hcap hdle (2) £13,008 good).
KING ULANDA (11-8) 17-2 chased leaders, led 2 out, challenged closing stages and just held on, bt Machete Beach (11-6) nk (6 ran) (Uttoxeter 2m hcap hdle (4) £4,066 good).
VIRTUAL ROCK (11-2) 6-4 made all, went clear with a circuit to go, maintained advantage 2 out, not fluent last, pushed out run-in, readily, bt Bowling Buddy (11-2) 5l (13 ran) (Uttoxeter 2m nov hdle (4) £4,066 good).
DROMBEG LAD (11-4) 11-8 fav in rear, headway 3 out, went second run-in, not trouble winner, btn 1¾l by Emerald Time (10-13) (6 ran) (Uttoxeter 2m hcap hdle (4) £4,594 good).
GOT GREY (10-13) 11-1 chased leaders, in rear before 3rd, pushed along run-in, never involved, 4th of 6 (btn 7¾l) to Sean Og (11-4) (Cartmel 2m 5f hcap ch (4) £4,357 good).
LIGHTENING COMPANY (11-6) 11-2 midfield, dropped to rear 4th, never threatened, 5th of 9 (btn 27l) to Goodwin Face (11-7) (Cartmel 2m 1f amat hcap hdle (4) £3,849 good).
AL MOOTAMARID (11-13) 9-2 in rear, chased leaders 2 out, no extra final stride, 3rd of 9 (btn hd) to Mojo Ego (11-7) (Worcester 2m hcap hdle (5) £3,248 good).

4.25 HANDICAP CHASE (4); winner £5,677; 2m 1f. (5 runners)
1 -35P **KIENTZHEIM 40** B Haslam 6-11-12 **H Cobden**
2 3-55 **PALAMON 10** D Skelton 6-11-12 **H Skelton**
3 1131 **PASSING DIAMOND 40 (CD)** B Haslam 6-11-10 **R McLernon**
4 2-73 **LERMOOS LEGEND 42 (CD)** M Bowen 11-11-8 **S Bowen**
5 3-22 **TANKING ALONG 107** P Neville 7-11-2 **B Hughes**

Passing Diamond ●99, Lermoos Legend 98, Tanking Along 97.
8-11 Passing Diamond, 4 Tanking Along, 6 Lermoos Legend

Sun FORM
KIENTZHEIM pulled up latest, earlier (11-10) 11-4 mid-division, pushed along home turn before last, weakened tamely run-in, 5th of 7 (btn 16l) to Conquer The Breeze (10-5) (Hexham 2m hcap ch (3) £8,714 good).
PALAMON (11-12) 22-1 in rear, in touch, mistake 10th, slow 4 out and pushed along, jumped right 3 out and dropped away, 5th of 6 (btn 22l) to King Roly (11-11) (Worcester 2m 7f hcap ch (4) £4,700 good).
PASSING DIAMOND (10-5) 6-4 fav made all, ridden after last, kept on well, bt Dunkerque (11-10) 4¾l **KIENTZHEIM** (11-1) 11-4 raced in third, struggling 4 out, pulled up before 2 out, (4 ran) (Cartmel 2m 1f nov hcap ch (3) £6,992 good).
LERMOOS LEGEND (11-4) 4-1 chased leaders, went third run-in, no impression, 3rd of 6 (btn 4½l) to Sean Og (11-4) (Cartmel 2m 5f hcap ch (4) £4,357 good).
TANKING ALONG (11-11) 9-4 led, shaken up before 2 out, headed run-in, held by winner, btn 3¼l by Sir Carnegie (11-5) (6 ran) (Perth 2½m hcap ch (5) £5,026 good to soft).

5.05 HANDICAP CHASE (5); winner £4,726; 2m 5f. (11 runners)
1 7454 **KINBARA FIRSTDRAFT 14** L Kerr 7-12-0 **D Fox**
2 175- **BRAVETHEWAVES 140 (D)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 9-11-8 **J Tudor**
3 11PP **HALFWAY HOUSE LAD 42 (C)** J Moffatt 7-11-6 **B Hughes**
4 P-52 **ILLOGICAL LOGIC 9** D Thompson 8-11-0.. **E Collier (5)**
5 UP72 **BLAZING COURT 40** J Dixon 8-10-12 **Mr J Dixon (7)**
6 7P25 **JUDICIAL REVIEW 40 (BF,CD)** J Moffatt 8-10-12 **L Norcei (7)**
7 -426 **ROI DU ROUME 62 (B★;BF)** M Bowen 6-10-11 **S Bowen**
8 5124 **PATH OF STARS 40** S Mullins 5-10-11 **B Macey (5)**
9 -441 **AILL DUBH 40 (CD)** M Hammond 9-10-10 .. **J Thompson (5)**
10 -466 **SCORO 44 (P★,T★)** L Morgan 6-10-7 **D McMenamin**
11 8666 **FAST DEAL 14** M Chapman 9-10-2 **J Best**

Aill Dubh ●99, Path Of Stars 98, Roi Du Roume 97.
7-2 Aill Dubh, 4 Blazing Court, Path Of Stars, 11-2 Roi Du Roume

WINDSOR COLOURS — GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD)

TEMPLEGATE
4.30 .... Crown And Two
5.00 .... Lequinto
5.30 .... Saucy Jane
6.00 .... Crowned
6.30 .... Silawi
7.00 .... Happy Banner
7.30 . Mister Pretentious

TOM PEPPER
4.30 .... Bulletsnap
5.00 .... Lequinto
5.30 .... Saucy Jane
6.00 .... Holliesthedollie
6.30 .... Sea Scout
7.00 .... Bubbles Wonky
7.30 .... Lucky Sevens

■TIC-TAC: Figure-of-eight course of 1m 4f, straight final 5f, 6f races start on an extension to the straight. ■DRAW: High numbers hold a slight advantage in sprints. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 32-230, W Haggas 29-133, J & T Gosden 25-80, R Hannon 24-222. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 11, G Boughey 7, C Cox 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): T Marquand 47-323, B Loughnane 20-117, S Osborne 16-166, David Egan 15-144. THIS SEASON: B Loughnane 9, T Marquand 5, H Davies 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Muddy Mooy (6.30) trained at Stockbridge. Round trip of 342 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: White Birch (6.30). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

4.30 MATCHBOOK BETTING EXCHANGE NOVICE STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 6f. (10 runners)
1 (5) 1 **CROWN AND TWO 23 (D)** T Clover 9-8 **David Egan 98**
2 (7) 2 **ARTHUR CARROT 12** G Boughey 9-4 **Billy Loughnane 97**
3 (9) 5 **BLUE VICTORY 29** W Knight 9-4 **Harry Davies 94**
4 (8) 65 **BOYSOFWALLSTREET 33** G Boughey 9-4 **George Wood 90**
5 (10) 34 **BULLETSNAP 51** W Haggas 9-4 **Tom Marquand ●99**
6 (4) 9 **GOLDTRADER 98** E Walker 9-4 **George Downing 77**
7 (3) **SCENIC BLUE** D Cunha 9-4 **Kyle McHugh (7) —**
8 (2) 6 **VALDORO 95** D Cunha 9-4 **Saffie Osborne 84**
9 (1) 00 **WOLF BAY 32** A King 9-4 **Harry Vigors (5) 70**
10 (6) **MISTRAL MADNESS** T Ward 8-13 **Alec Voikhansky —**

BETTING: 9-4 Crown And Two, 11-4 Bulletsnap, 7 Blue Victory, Arthur Carrot, 10 Boysofwallstreet, 12 Mistral Madness, Valdoro, 16 Wolf Bay
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8 3 4 1 3
2025: Poatan 9-7 David Egan 5-1 (G Scott) drawn 5, 12 ran.

5.00 TOTAL TASK CONSULTANCY TAKE THE REINS HANDICAP (DIV 1) (4); winner £5,653; 6f. (9 runners)
1 (8) 1222715 **SUPREME KING 7 (D)** P Evans 6-10-0 **Billy Loughnane 96**
2 (6) 6244121 **UNDER THE TWILIGHT 12 (CD)** M Blake 8-10-0 **Harry Davies ●99**
3 (2) 026-232 **SERGEANT PEP 155 (C,D)** C Cox 6-9-11 **Georgia Dobie 95**
4 (4) 1331253 **LEQUINTO 12 (CD)** A Carroll 9-9-9 **David Egan 93**
5 (1) 6203547 **AN OUTLAW'S GRACE 17 (D)** R Hannon 4-9-8 **Joe Leavy 90**
6 (9) 5722174 **AMAZONIAN DREAM 12 (CD)** B Millman 7-9-8 **George Wood 92**
7 (3) 310 **KENNINGTON 58** H Morrison 3-9-6 **Saffie Osborne 94**
8 (7) 1392302 **SPACE BEAR 21 (D)** M Appleby 3-9-6 **Jason Watson 97**
9 (5) 522178 **SARGENT DENNIS 11 (CD)** J Channon 3-8-13 **Tom Marquand 88**

BETTING: 5 Under The Twilight, 6 Space Bear, Supreme King, 15-2 Sergeant Pep, 11 Lequinto, 12 Amazonian Dream, 16 An Outlaw's Grace, 33 Sargent Dennis
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 0 7 4 4
2025: Monsieur Patat 8-8-12 Billy Loughnane 17-2 (A Wintle) drawn 4, 9 ran.

5.30 TOTAL TASK CONSULTANCY TAKE THE REINS HANDICAP (DIV 2) (4); winner £5,653; 6f. (9 runners)
1 (4) 0/92872 **MOVING FORCE 29** M Loughnane 4-10-0 **Billy Loughnane 91**
2 (8) 1805660 **STAR CHORUS 19 (D)** M Murphy 4-9-13 **Dylan Hogan 89**
3 (2) 42-7192 **TYGER BAY 84 (B;D)** C Allen 9-9-9 **Jack Gilligan 95**
4 (3) 21-4834 **ANGEL GABRIEL 15 (D)** R Beckett 3-9-8 **Rhys Clutterbuck 97**
5 (6) 8426161 **SAUCY JANE 26 (CD)** J Morland 3-9-8 **George Wood 97**
6 (9) 61495-7 **LIL BROTHER 22 (C)** M Keady 3-9-8 **Saffie Osborne 85**
7 (1) 05-0684 **HK FOURTEEN 29 (C,D)** A Carroll 6-9-6 **Tom Marquand 90**
8 (5) 1-99912 **CRAFTY BLUE 21 (D)** R Hannon 3-9-1 **Joe Leavy 98**
9 (7) 5692611 **MADMAN 16 (CD)** R Cook & J Bridger 3-8-13 **David Egan ●99**

BETTING: 9-4 Saucy Jane, 9-2 Crafty Blue, Madman, 11-2 Angel Gabriel, 15-2 Tyger Bay, 10 Moving Force, Star Chorus, 25 Hk Fourteen, 33 Lil Brother
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: See Division 1.

6.00 REMEMBERING GILLIAN ROSE DEANE AT 60 NURSERY (6); 2-y-o; winner £3,768; 6f. (11 runners)
1 (6) 0856 **STONEY WOOD 16** M Bell 9-9 **Billy Loughnane 85**
2 (2) 8455145 **MISS MONEYPIT 16** B Millman 9-9 **Tom Marquand 97**
3 (9) 77604 **FROM ME TO YOU 16 (B)** R Hannon 9-9 **Joe Leavy 93**
4 (10) 3452 **CROWNED 6 (BF)** M Keady 9-7 **Saffie Osborne ●99**
5 (7) 906 **ZOHAR 74 (P★)** C Fellowes 9-6 **George Wood 89**
6 (1) 037 **SOVEREIGN DAWN 27 (P★)** M Keady 9-4 **Kyle McHugh (7) 93**
7 (8) 7480 **HOLLIESTHEDOLLIE 42** J Portman 9-4 **Harry Davies 87**
8 (11) 674 **C'EST LUI 92** D Cunha 9-2 **Jason Watson 90**
9 (5) 895 **VESPER HONEY 23** G Baker 9-0 **David Egan 91**
10 (4) 70636 **DEVON ANGEL 20** B Millman 8-3 **Laura Coughlan (3) 88**
11 (3) 060 **PURPLE DREAM 7 (P★)** T Ward 8-3 **Nicola Currie 74**

BETTING: 2 Crowned, 9-2 Miss Moneypit, 11-2 Stoney Wood, 7 From Me To You, 10 Vesper Honey, 12 C'est Lui, 14 Zohar, 20 Sovereign Dawn, Holliesthedollie
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

6.30 WEATHERBYS AUGUST STAKES (LISTED) (1) winner £34,026; 1m 3f (9 runners)

1 12-313 **TENABILITY 21 (BF,C)**
(5) W Haggas 4-9-10 ...... **Tom Marquand 98**
Runs: 10 Wins: 5 (2S,2F,G) Places: 1 £188,208
Consistent, no disgrace Deauville Grp 3 latest, stable firing, go close

2 846-86 **AMBIENTE FRIENDLY 29**
(8) J Owen 5-9-7 .... **George Wood 84**
Runs: 15 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 2 £520,287
Derby runner-up back in the day, not disgraced G'wood hcap latest, sniff

3 463-04 **GHOSTWRITER 28**
(7) K De Foy 5-9-7 .... **David Egan 97**
Runs: 13 Wins: 3 (2F,G) Places: 2 £535,903
Gave it good go in G'wood Grp 3 last time, this trip should suit, player

4 213129 **RESPOND 49 (H)**
(3) A Balding 4-9-7 .... **Jason Watson 90**
Runs: 12 Wins: 3 (A,2G) Places: 5 £107,562
York latest forgiven, decent efforts beforehand, stable on fire, danger

5 6433-2 **SEA SCOUT 21**
(1) S & E Crisford 4-9-7....... **Harry Davies ●99**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 2 £74,191
Fine return in Haydock Grp 3 (first since gelded), repeat and bang there

6 10-269 **SILAWI 34 (C)**
(6) H Al Jehani 6-9-7......... **James Doyle 91**
Runs: 28 Wins: 4 (2F,S,G) Places: 6 £548,395
Grade 1 winner, better than finishing position in Germany latest, respected

7 31-120 **WARRANT HOLDER 49 (BF)**
(9) J & T Gosden 4-9-7 . . . **Billy Loughnane 95**
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2A,G) Places: 4 £84,286
PB at R Ascot but didn't back it up York subsequently, Billy rides, threat

8 /2450- **WHITE BIRCH 328 (D)**
(2) J Osborne 6-9-7........ **Saffie Osborne 93**
Runs: 14 Wins: 5 (3S,A) Places: 3 £672,418
Has mixed it with the very best, definitely capable if ready on belated return

9 42-350 **MUDDY MOOY 73 (H★)**
(4) C Pike 5-9-2 .... **Nicola Currie 78**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 3 £38,227
Limitations exposed in black-type company previously, others preferred

BETTING: 5-2 Ghostwriter, 10-3 Tenability, 5 Sea Scout, 6 Silawi
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1-4 1 4 2 2
2025: Arabian Crown 4-9-7, B Loughnane 11-2 (C Appleby), drw 1, 4 ran.

7.00 PLAY THE MATCHBOOK MATCH 6 HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £5,653; 1m. (11 runners)
1 (1) 5-14822 **MAXIMISING 58** K De Foy 4-9-9 **David Egan ●99**
2 (11) 237-614 **STARDANCER 17 (D)** C Cox 4-9-7 **Georgia Dobie 91**
3 (2) 7943331 **BUBBLES WONKY 23 (D)** M Pattinson 5-9-7 **Billy Loughnane 96**
4 (3) 4592656 **TRIBAL WISDOM 152 (D)** M Attwater 7-9-7 **James Glennon (7) 87**
5 (6) 0473417 **BOLD IMPACT 16 (CD)** B Millman 4-9-7 **Tom Marquand 97**
6 (7) 2-33224 **HAPPY BANNER 31** E Walker 4-9-5 **George Downing 98**
7 (10) -513646 **NEWFANGLED 24 (CD)** J Portman 5-9-2 **Jason Watson 89**
8 (8) 2145444 **BERRY CLEVER 17 (D)** C Dwyer 5-9-1 **Joe Leavy 93**
9 (9) 0D37022 **EAZY ON THE EYE 33** H Main 4-9-1 **George Wood 97**
10 (4) 3-67643 **POTOMAC RIVER 9** T Kent 4-9-0 **Harry Davies 92**
11 (5) 21167-4 **ALBUS ANNE 81 (H;D)** J Fox 7-8-12 **Nicola Currie 85**

BETTING: 4 Maximising, 9-2 Eazy On The Eye, 5 Bold Impact, 13-2 Happy Banner
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

7.30 BET £20 GET £40 FREE BETS AT MATCHBOOK.COM HANDICAP (6); 3-y-o; winner £4,187; 1m 3f. (15 run)
1 (15) 3330-74 **EXQUISITE SKYE 78** M Keady 9-9 **Kyle McHugh (7) 82**
2 (9) 444425 **GOLDFINDER 30** P Chamings 9-9 **Harry Davies 95**
3 (4) 05-464 **LIVING IN HOPE 15** H Eustace 9-9 **George Wood 90**
4 (3) 6456 **PARC DOSNE 21** M Crawley 9-8 **Jason Watson 84**
5 (13) 667-86 **AFRICAN GIB 30** D Menuisier 9-8 **Rhys Clutterbuck 83**
6 (8) 987 **CHAMPAGNE BEAU 16** P Chamings 9-8 **Joe Leavy 75**
7 (7) 6132514 **LUCKY SEVENS 38 (BF)** J Owen 9-6 **Tom Marquand ●99**
8 (10) 4553132 **REGULUS BLACK 56 (BF)** J & S Birkett 9-6 **Dylan Hogan 97**
9 (12) 64-788 **LA KOSMOS 30** A King 9-6 **Luke Catton (3) 74**
10 (6) 0606 **BILLINGSGATE GOLD 110** S Williams 9-6 **Harry Vigors (5) 80**
11 (1) 8473 **SPINNEY 29** T Clover 9-6 **David Egan 93**
12 (11) 5990 **ALKAIOS 33 (H)** Steph Hollinshead 9-5 **Georgia Dobie 72**
13 (2) 87-7607 **WILD ROSIE 54 (H★)** C Dwyer 9-0 **Nicola Currie 76**
14 (5) 6-00876 **DIJON GONE 7** D Coakley 8-13 **George Bass 86**
15 (14) 0-08042 **MISTER PRETENTIOUS 12** L Dace 8-10 **Isobelle Chalmers (7) 97**

BETTING: 13-8 Regulus Black, 10-3 Lucky Sevens, 11-2 Mister Pretentious
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 1 1 3
2025: Just Adair 8-11 Cieren Fallon 20-1 (J & A O'Neill) drawn 4, 9 ran.

YOUR ABC CHECK ON TODAY'S RUNNERS

KEY B - Beverley, Cm - Cartmel, Cp - Chepstow, Cu - Curragh, G - Goodwood, S - Sandown, W - Windsor

A I Nation 1.18Cu
Aalto 2.00G
Absolute Diamond 6.15Cp
Addison Grey 2.00G
Adversity 1.18Cu
African Gib 7.30W
Aill Dubh 5.05Cm
Al Mootamarid 3.53Cm
Alanah Bananah 1.40S
Albany County 1.18Cu
Albus Anne 7.00W
Alcarath 2.15S
Alfred Wallace 3.30S
Alidoolally 1.25G
Alkaios 7.30W
All Angels 1.25G
All Ways Glamorous 4.55G
Alvesta 2.05Cm
Amazonian Dream 5.00W
Ambassador 2.05Cm
Ambiente Friendly 6.30W
An Outlaw's Grace 5.00W
Angel Gabriel 5.30W
Another Nice'day 4.50Cu
Another Pearl 3.15Cm
Apothic Red 4.50Cu
Appier 4.20G
April's Luck 3.35B
Archer Royal 4.05S
Arcturus Flame 4.20G
Ard As A Rock 5.15Cp
Arduis Invicta 4.10B
Argentum 2.40Cm
Arisaig 3.10G
Arthur Carrot 4.30W
Aunt Roberta 3.45G
Baileys Warrior 7.15Cp
Baldomero 1.45B
Ballyskeagh 1.53Cu
Banderas 3.53Cm
Banks Of The Boyne 2.28Cu
Barak Warrior 2.20B
Bassrah 1.40S
Beibhinn 3.03Cu
Bellesque 1.53Cu
Berry Clever 7.00W
Betsen 5.10S
Better Nature 6.15Cp
Big Gossey 4.15Cu
Big Lou 7.15Cp
Billingsgate Gold 7.30W
Blanquita 3.35B
Blazing Court 5.05Cm
Blue Victory 4.30W
Boiling Point 3.10G
Bold Impact 7.00W
Booyea 4.15Cu
Borjina 4.45B
Bosphorus Rose 3.40Cu
Boysofwallstreet 4.30W
Bravethewaves 5.05Cm
Breacher 3.30S
Bright Legend 4.20G
Bubbles Wonky 7.00W
Buck Barrow 7.15Cp
Bulletsnap 4.30W
C'est Lui 6.00W
Caffu Zafeen 4.50Cu
Calendar Girl 2.50S
Call The Cavalry 4.50Cu
Cap Santa Lucia 2.50S
Caprelo 4.20G
Carnival Of Light 2.00G
Cash 2.15S
Celebrating Ethel 7.45Cp
Champagne Beau 7.30W
Champagne Powder 2.40Cm
Chimes Of Thunder 3.45G
Ciao Capo 2.55B
Cinque Verde 1.45B
City Escape 7.45Cp
Clansman 2.20B
Classical Allusion 2.35G
Clive The Writer 4.35S
Cloud Chorus 1.25G
Cloudy Rose 7.15Cp
Cluster 1.18Cu
Cmon Now The View 1.18Cu
Cobalt Comet 4.45B
Coincidental Glory 4.50Cu
Completely Random 2.00G
Connie's Rose 6.45Cp
Coole Cafe 5.25Cu
Coolree 4.45B
Crafty Blue 5.30W
Crazee In Havana 4.40Cp
Crown And Two 4.30W
Crown Of Oaks 2.15S
Crowned 6.00W
Damsel In Distress 1.53Cu
Dappled Light 6.45Cp
Dark Viper 5.25Cu
Darkness 2.00G
Darkness Falls 1.18Cu
Dash Of Class 7.15Cp
Defence Minister 4.05S
Della Pace 3.40Cu
Democracy Dilemma 4.55G
Dervo Annie 4.50Cu
Desert Shadow 4.05S
Destination Unkown 2.40Cm
Devon Angel 6.00W
Dijon Gone 7.30W
Distinction 2.55B
Dontlookbackinanga 4.35S
Dos Mukasan 4.15Cu
Dover Street 3.30S
Dowman 5.15Cp
Dream Composer 4.55G
Drombeg Lad 3.53Cm
Drop Dead Gorgeous 3.40Cu
Duke Silver 5.25Cu
Dusky Days 3.15Cm
Dyonisos 4.55G
Eazy On The Eye 7.00W
Ebt's Guard 3.10G
Edelak 3.53Cm
Educator 4.20G
Elora Prince 7.45Cp
Elyatta 2.28Cu
Emery Down 6.45Cp
Empress Jingu 1.40S
Engines On 4.15Cu
Evening Call 3.45G
Everyoneknowsadave 2.55B
Exceptionally 1.53Cu
Exchange Student 2.28Cu
Exclamation 1.45B
Exquisite Skye 7.30W
Faithful Guardian 2.40Cm
Faiyum 3.40Cu
Fans Favourite 2.55B
Faoladh 4.50Cu
Fast Deal 5.05Cm
Fast Tracker 3.10G
Fastidyah 1.25G
Filey Beach 4.45B
Final Voyage 4.15Cu
Firehorse 3.30S
Flaming Rib 4.50Cu
Flight Tracker 5.45Cp
Flower Show 1.40S
Flying Frontier 2.15S
Fondo Blanco 2.00G
Fontaine Khaled 4.50Cu
Fortunes Dawn 3.15Cm
Forty Years On 2.00G
Four Blondes 4.50Cu
Francisco's Piece 1.45B
Free Flow 5.25Cu
Frisky Whiskey 3.15Cm
From Me To You 6.00W
Galeron 2.00G
Gambino 2.40Cm
Garden Party 3.40Cu
Genuine Article 4.15Cu
Gerrit's Gem 4.50Cu
Getaway Master 3.15Cm
Ghost Mode 2.00G
Ghostwriter 6.30W
Glen Nevis 4.45B
Glenfinnan 4.10B
Glorious Kitty 4.45B
God Of War 4.05S
Goldfinder 7.30W
Goldtrader 4.30W
Gonna Fly 2.15S
Good Morning Alex 4.45B
Gooloogong 4.20G
Got Grey 3.53Cm
Great Barrier Reef 3.03Cu
Green Sky 2.35G
Green Sovereign 3.30S
Greta Tintin 1.25G
Haku 2.35G
Halcon 3.35B
Halfway House Lad 5.05Cm
Happy Banner 7.00W
Hardy Warrior 4.15Cu
Havana Smile 5.10S
Hawthorn Road 2.40Cm
Head Girl 7.15Cp
Heart Sign 7.15Cp
Hellorhighwater 4.15Cu
High Degree 2.35G
High On Honey 3.35B
Highest Order 1.18Cu
Highland Shah 4.10B
Hk Fourteen 5.30W
Holliesthedollie 6.00W
Hopjes 2.05Cm
Huscal 4.05S
Hypnotised 5.10S
I'm Flattered 5.25Cu
I'm Spartacus 4.50Cu
Idomything 5.25Cu
Illogical Logic 5.05Cm
Invicta Rose 6.15Cp
Involvement 2.15S
Ironwill 2.00G
Jazzy Bay 6.15Cp
Jeepydoff Meel 2.05Cm
Johnny Soda 4.15Cu
Judicial Review 5.05Cm
Kaleidoscope Eyes 6.45Cp
Kalir 4.15Cu
Kennington 5.00W
Kientzheim 4.25Cm
Killybegs Jet Lady 3.15Cm
Kinbara Firstdraft 5.05Cm
King Gris 5.25Cu
King Ulanda 3.53Cm
King's Charter 2.15S
Kingdom Of Camelot 1.18Cu
Kingofthegame 3.15Cm
Knightmare 7.45Cp
Kodiac City 3.30S
Kokbastau 2.15S
Kon Tiki 2.50S
Kylian 4.55G
L'Eagle Aid 2.20B
La Fuerza 4.35S
La Kosmos 7.30W
Lady Hornblower 2.55B
Lady Ranya 1.40S
Larkfield Lusive 3.15Cm
Leadman 2.00G
Lequinto 5.00W
Lermoos Legend 4.25Cm
Lethal Nymph 1.45B
Lethimfly 4.50Cu
Lexington Blitz 4.55G
Lightening Company 3.53Cm
Lil Brother 5.30W
Lily Pink 1.25G
Lipsink 5.10S
Livenka 3.03Cu
Living In Hope 7.30W
Lonelyharbourwall 5.25Cu
Lord Massusus 4.15Cu
Lord Melbourne 2.35G
Lord Of The Glance 2.05Cm
Loughrea 4.15Cu
Love Beach 2.15S
Love Dynasty 2.50S
Luca Brillante 2.28Cu
Lucky Sevens 7.30W
Lumierebleu 1.18Cu
Luna Lacy 3.35B
Madman 5.30W
Maeva 2.50S
Mainshock 5.45Cp
Majestic Flame 1.25G
Malangen 2.05Cm
Manhatane 2.40Cm
Manton Bay 4.15Cu
Marching Mac 5.10S
Margot Mae 2.28Cu
Marquetry 3.45G
Masekela 2.05Cm
Masterminding 3.15Cm
Mathoura 3.45G
Maximising 7.00W
Maximus Meridius 5.15Cp
Mayaada 2.20B
Mayberry Moon 6.45Cp
Medieval Gold 3.53Cm
Meriden 3.40Cu
Mi Sueno 2.05Cm
Mia Fantasia 3.30S
Midgham Man 5.45Cp
Minster Man 4.40Cp
Miss Moneypit 6.00W
Miss Scott 3.40Cu
Mister Bluebird 4.05S
Mister Pretentious 7.30W
Mistral Madness 4.30W
Misunderstood 4.10B
Monarch's Gold 4.05S
Montgomery Bell 5.45Cp
Moon Sand 1.18Cu
Moon Target 2.50S
Morning Mayhem 3.53Cm
Moudora 3.35B
Mount King 4.45B
Moving Force 5.30W
Mr Dibbs 5.25Cu
Mr Freedom 4.20G
Mr Globalist 2.05Cm
Mr Lincoln 2.05Cm
Mrs Blue 4.40Cp
Mudamer 4.10B
Muddy Mooy 6.30W
Musical Accord 2.55B
My Chiquita 3.53Cm
My Love Is King 2.15S
Naana's Sparkle 4.55G
Naoi 4.50Cu
Naqeeb 3.10G
Naseebwali 3.35B
Ndaawi 5.25Cu
Necromancer 3.35B
Neo Smart 5.25Cu
Newfangled 7.00W
No More Pino 6.15Cp
Noble Prince 4.35S
Noche Clasica 2.50S
Northern Brave 2.20B
Nouveau Grey 1.18Cu
Nuevo Slovo 5.10S
O'Reilly 5.25Cu
Obelix 4.10B
Ole Ole 5.25Cu
One Night Thunder 4.10B
Oneforthegutter 2.35G
Ortanique 1.40S
Pacific Mission 2.50S
Paddy's Day 1.45B
Palamon 4.25Cm
Parc Dosne 7.30W
Parkers Light 6.15Cp
Party Dress 5.25Cu
Passing Diamond 4.25Cm
Path Of Stars 5.05Cm
Paul Pierre 1.18Cu
Pellitory 2.00G
Pen Lan Icon 3.35B
Pepper Fizz 7.45Cp
Perigord Noir 5.15Cp
Pierre Royal 4.15Cu
Pina Sonata 3.10G
Pink 'n Purple 2.40Cm
Pivotal Attack 3.40Cu
Pj's Corner 5.15Cp
Playin Cool 4.15Cu
Port Louis 6.45Cp
Potomac River 7.00W
Poweracclaim 4.50Cu
Prince Of Calypso 2.20B
Princess Child 3.40Cu
Project Geofin 2.55B
Pseudonym 3.45G
Pure Valour 4.50Cu
Purple Dream 6.00W
Push The Boat Out 3.03Cu
Q T Boy 6.15Cp
Qirat 3.10G
Quantum Power 5.10S
Queen Of Scotland 3.45G
Rahmi 4.15Cu
Rajbello 7.45Cp
Rapide Vega 2.55B
Rare Change 2.00G
Rathgar 2.35G
Redbridge Rocco 2.40Cm
Redredrobin 6.45Cp
Regalian 4.45B
Regulus Black 7.30W
Respond 6.30W
Rhoscolyn 2.00G
Rhythm Of My Heart 1.25G
Ribee 4.15Cu
Roach Power 5.10S
Robert d'Ores 3.15Cm
Rock Montreal 3.30S
Rock On Johnny 1.18Cu
Roi Du Roume 5.05Cm
Roku Nana 1.25G
Romayan 1.18Cu
Rosario 5.10S
Rosato 4.50Cu
Rosemary's Rose 6.45Cp
Roxa Love 4.40Cp
Roysse 3.53Cm
Ruler's Control 3.03Cu
Russian Rumour 4.20G
Sadies Diamond 2.05Cm
Saffron Bay 3.35B
Saga Gaga 3.40Cu
Saligo Bay 3.53Cm
Samnina 1.53Cu
Sanbona Warrior 4.35S
Sandy Craic 4.45B
Sargent Dennis 5.00W
Saucy Jane 5.30W
Saxon Lodge 5.45Cp
Scarlet Moon 4.20G
Scenic Blue 4.30W
Scoro 5.05Cm
Sea Of Rain 1.53Cu
Sea Palace 5.15Cp
Sea Scout 6.30W
Seagulls Eleven 3.10G
Secret Of Life 2.50S
Secret Secret 3.15Cm
Seeyainthesuninn 3.15Cm
Sergeant Pep 5.00W
Sergei Diaghilev 3.30S
Shadow Run 4.10B
Shameful 4.05S
Shimmering Sands 2.55B
Silawi 6.30W
Silk Twist 1.18Cu
Silver Ghost 4.05S
Silverella 1.25G
Simmering Seas 4.50Cu
Sindria 3.40Cu
Singing Blues 1.25G
Sir Yoshi 1.45B
Sky Watch 3.40Cu
Slieve Binnian 4.15Cu
Sneddy Eddie 5.25Cu
So Lovely 1.53Cu
So Regal 2.50S
So Tempting 6.15Cp
Solar Aclaim 1.45B
Son 4.10B
Sonic Angel 3.30S
Sonny Parvenue 4.35S
South West 5.15Cp
Sovereign Beach 6.15Cp
Sovereign Dawn 6.00W
Space Bear 5.00W
Speckles 1.53Cu
Spicy Margarita 3.40Cu
Spinney 7.30W
Star Chorus 5.30W
Star Harbour 5.25Cu
Star Vantage 3.15Cm
Stardancer 7.00W
Starlight Bay 1.25G
Stem 2.15S
Stiletto 3.15Cm
Stoney Wood 6.00W
Storm Free 4.05S
Strikepoint 4.50Cu
Style Of Life 4.45B
Sunny Orange 2.55B
Supreme Clarets 4.10B
Supreme King 5.00W
Supreme Law 5.25Cu
Sweet Distraction 3.35B
Swift Salian 4.10B
Sword Of State 1.53Cu
Syzygy 3.40Cu
Talking Tough 5.25Cu
Tall Trees 1.40S
Tanking Along 4.25Cm
Taritino 4.20G
Tarmonbarry Kid 4.45B
Tawaazon 4.50Cu
Ted's Turn 1.18Cu
Temple Of Athena 1.45B
Tenability 6.30W
Thalara 3.40Cu
The Fingal Raven 2.00G
The Glen Rovers 2.15S
The Mediator 5.25Cu
The Sweet Escape 4.10B
Thespian Queen 1.25G
Thi Qar 1.40S
Thunda Struck 6.15Cp
Tiger Beetle 7.45Cp
Time Glory 5.45Cp
Toca Madera 4.55G
Tommo's Queen 3.35B
Tony Montana 2.35G
Too Soon 2.35G
Top Biller 4.50Cu
Topathemorning 2.20B
Tosca No Candis 1.53Cu
Tradewinds 2.28Cu
Tradittion 3.35B
Tribal Chief 2.15S
Tribal Wisdom 7.00W
Trilby 1.45B
Tropical Sands 3.45G
Two Plus Two 4.20G
Tyger Bay 5.30W
Typeface 7.45Cp
Tyson Fury 5.25Cu
Unchartedterritory 2.20B
Under The Twilight 5.00W
Valdoro 4.30W
Valley Of Flowers 2.20B
Velozee 3.03Cu
Vesper Honey 6.00W
Victoria Night 1.40S
Victory Gold 4.35S
Vintage Clarets 1.45B
Virtual Rock 3.53Cm
Waasil 4.35S
Warrant Holder 6.30W
Western Fold 5.25Cu
Where Love Lives 3.03Cu
Whermyrosemarygoes 2.40Cm
White Birch 6.30W
Wild Rosie 7.30W
Wild Sapphire 5.25Cu
Wishful Thinker 3.35B
Wolf Bay 4.30W
Wonderful Wendy 7.15Cp
Zachary Hickes 4.20G
Zamond 2.05Cm
Zavateri 3.10G
Ziata 2.55B
Zillow 3.53Cm
Zohar 6.00W
Zonneveld 6.15Cp
Zoulu Chief 5.10S
Zowal 4.10B

Favourite 5-2

BETVICTOR make Chelsea 5-2 to win any major trophy this season. They also have Cole Palmer at 10-1 to get 20-plus Prem goals. He bagged 22 in 2023-24.

3-1

ARSENAL, Manchester City and Chelsea to finish 1-2-3 in the Premier League in any order this season is a best-priced 3-1 with Sporting Index.

Liverpool v Nottingham Forest

12.30pm SPORTS talkSPORT

FOREST have won their last two league games at Liverpool.

Mind you, they lost their last two matches against Leeds — in the space of four days.

And new boss Oliver Glasner is already 6-1 second-favourite to be the first Prem boss axed.

Liverpool's kamikaze defending in the 2-2 draw at Newcastle will give them some hope — but not enough. Home win and Dominik Szoboszlai *(right)* to score anytime at 17-5 with Coral are the picks.

FORECAST: 3-1

Liverpool to beat Forest 3-1 today

9-1

BETGOODWIN

Tottenham v Newcastle

5.30pm sky sports

REINFORCEMENTS are still flooding in as boss Roberto De Zerbi constructs a squad worthy of Spurs' £1billion stadium.

Savio scored on his debut in the 5-1 Carabao Cup battering of Charlton in midweek after arriving from Manchester City.

Old team-mate Omar Marmoush joined this week — and that added quality spells trouble for Newcastle tonight. Toon have won four of the last 22 away in the league.

Home win but Yoane Wissa *(left)* to score anytime at 12-5 with Ladbrokes.

FORECAST: 2-1

Spurs to beat Newcastle tonight and BTTS

11-4

BETGOODWIN

Half a chance

EMI THE KEY TO BLUES TITLE TILT

KEEPER OUT . . . Sanchez's howlers almost spoilt Chelsea's exciting attacking play

NEVER mind a game of two halves, Chelsea are a team of two halves. Shame for them that Robert Sanchez is in one of them.

By **KEVIN DUNNE**

The Blues were scintillating going forward in the 3-2 win at Fulham on Monday night – with the three musketeers Cole Palmer, Joao Pedro and Morgan Rogers tearing up the Cottagers.

Luckily for the home side, Sanchez kept them in it with a couple of howlers.

Brighton fans will be praying their ex-keeper is on parade at the Bridge tomorrow; and-Chelsea fans that World Cup-winner Emiliano Martinez is between the sticks.

A £7.5million deal has been agreed for Aston Villa's No 1, so assuming he passes the medical, new Blues manager Xabi Alonso will be a serious contender to relieve Arsenal of their Premier League crown.

On the evidence of the first weekend of the season, none of Man City, Liverpool, Man United, Spurs or Villa look up to the task.

PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE (best price): 10-11 Arsenal; 4-1 Man City; 6-1 Chelsea; 10-1 Liverpool; 20-1 Man Utd; 66-1 Spurs; 150-1 Brentford, Brighton.

Still, Coral's Dave Stevens doesn't go a bundle on the Blues. He said: "Chelsea aren't winning a title with that defence.

"With all the money they've spent, it seems crazy none of those billions has gone on a top-class keeper.

"I do like Alonso and if I'm Liverpool, I'm wondering why we didn't make a move for him – but odds of 6-1 about Chelsea winning the title can be left well alone. A top-four finish looks more realistic, at 1-2."

The vibe around Brighton before the season kicked off was heavy after the exits of Jan Paul van Hecke, Carlos Baleba and Danny Welbeck.

Turned out rumours of their death had been greatly exaggerated as they buried truly woeful Villa 4-0 at the Amex on Sunday. That'll do nicely.

Stevens likes their chances at the Bridge. He said: "Year in, year out the system the best club owner in the league Tony Bloom has built unearths new players to fill the gaps.

"And I see no reason they can't have another big season. There will be worse bets than the 9-4 Seagulls finish top six.

"There will surely be goals tomorrow and I like the look of the visitors to take a point, so I'll go for a score draw at 16-5."

Brighton won 3-1 at Stamford Bridge last term and have beaten the Blues the last four times.

They have also won eight of their last 13 Prem games – a record bettered by just Arsenal, City and United.

But Palmer is looking back to his imperious best with a point to prove after being left out of England's World Cup squad.

And the wavelength he is on with Rogers and Joao Pedro is gonna jam the transmission of any team in Europe.

So Chelsea winning and BTTS, at bet365's best price of 5-2, looks a chance well worth taking.

DARK HORSE

10-1

WITH seven goals scored by Chelsea and Brighton last weekend, it's hard to see either failing to find the back of the net here.

Cole Palmer scored four against the Seagulls in 2024 — take him to score anytime, Chelsea to win and both teams to score in the first half to land a 10-1 shot from William Hill.

++ TOP TIPS ++ TOP TIPS ++ TOP TIPS ++

PRO BET

Bournemouth to beat Everton, Charlton to beat Preston, Sheff Wed to beat Bromley, Walsall to beat Accrington, Grimsby to beat Fleetwood. Acca pays 30-1 with Betfred.

RETIREMENT BET

Hull to win at Coventry, West Brom to win at Boro, Portsmouth to win at Bristol City, Millwall to win at Southampton, Watford to beat West Ham, Wycombe to win at Stockport, Crewe to win at Port Vale, Swindon to win at Oldham. Perm 1 x Acca, 8 x 7-folds, 28 x 6-folds. Acca pays 42,752-1 with Coral.

AWAY DAY

Leicester to win at MK Dons, Salford at Shrewsbury, Bristol Rovers at Crawley, Luton at Mansfield. Acca pays 21-1 with Ladbrokes.

TOP DRAW

Leeds v Brentford, Blackburn v QPR, Plymouth v Bradford, York v Exeter. Acca pays 170-1 with Betfred.

TV SPECIAL

Liverpool to beat Forest, Spurs to beat Newcastle, Chelsea to beat Brighton BTTS, Man Utd to beat Ipswich. Acca pays 16-1 with bet365.

Man Utd v Ipswich

Tomorrow, 4.30pm sky sports

ALL the pre-season optimism surrounding Manchester United will evaporate if they get turned over by promoted Ipswich tomorrow.

United's 2-0 defeat at Hull was the shock of the opening weekend — less so Town's late win over Sunderland.

Michael Carrick's side surely can't be that bad again. They will give the visitors chances so United BTTS at 2-1 is the shout.

As is Matheus Cunha *(right)* to score anytime at 9-4 with bet365.

FORECAST: 3-1

Man United to beat Ipswich tomorrow

18-5

BETGOODWIN

TRUE BLUES . . . Joao Pedro and Morgan Rogers netted v Fulham

Chelsea to beat Brighton 3-2 tomorrow

16-1

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5-2

EDDIE HOWE is gone from Newcastle but not forgotten. Paddy Power make Manchester United 5-2 favourites for his next job, along with West Ham. It is 10-3 England and 4-1 Everton.

GOODWINNERS ENCLOSURE

Prem's off to Hull of start

IT DID not take long for a couple of hefty shocks to be delivered to the Premier League system last weekend.

With the campaign just a day old, Michael Carrick's Manchester United were mauled by the Tigers from Hull, who were on the loose after escaping from the Championship last term.

United fans travelled expecting three points and to get home all right. But they ended up losing 2-0 — having been priced as short as 4-11 — then saw their trains back cancelled.

Then Spurs who, having brought in way over £300million worth of talent, were embarrassed 3-0 at Brentford.

Two great results for the book here at BetGoodwin Towers.

Still, the punters got the better of us as Enzo Maresca nearly started his Manchester City career by getting beaten at home to Bournemouth.

Despite City trailing 1-0, the shrewdies never lost the faith and were rewarded as the home side pulled off a 9-1 in-running comeback.

Monday was worse, as our backers piled into odds-on Chelsea as they got off the mark with a 3-2 win at Fulham.

The Blues were excellent going forward and look a real danger this season. We tipped them for the title at 8-1 and they have already been backed down to 6-1.

Arsenal, however, look the side to beat this season after the impressive 3-0 dismantling of Coventry. After that display and City's shaky win, the Gunners have gone odds-on at 17-20 for the title.

Best game of this weekend looks like Chelsea versus Brighton who smashed Aston Villa 4-0 and are 9-4 to finish in the top six. We fancy the Blues and BTTS at 12-5.

We also like the look of Newcastle turning over Spurs in North London at 19-10.

BetGoodwin's Banker Acca for the weekend is wins for West Ham, Southampton, Sheffield Wednesday and Salford — at a boosted 12-1!

TIGER TORTURE . . . Michael Carrick's men had a shocker

THE Champions League format is convoluted . . . but the cream still rises to the top.

No groups of death. All the usual suspects cruise into the last 16.

Which is why there is so little in the trading between 11-2 favourites Paris Saint-Germain and 13-2 fifth-favourites Real Madrid.

You could back all of PSG, Arsenal, Barcelona, Bayern and Real and guarantee a profit if any one of them wins it. Not a bad stable.

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WINNERS (best price): 11-2 PSG; 6-1 Barcelona, Arsenal, Bayern; 13-2 Real Madrid; 11-1 Man City; 14-1 Liverpool; 20-1 Man Utd; 33-1 Inter Milan; 40-1 Atletico Madrid; 50-1 Villa; 66-1 Napoli.

Any English winner is 6-4 with bet365 but you may be better off lumping it on Arsenal.

My pick is Barcelona — particularly with serial winner Rodri adding midfield steel.

What you might call a Barc horse.

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2.55	Ciao Capo	2.55	Project Geofin
3.35	Saffron Bay	3.35	Blanquita
4.10	One Night Thunder	4.10	Highland Shah
4.45	Glen Nevis	4.45	Glen Nevis

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed, sharp, oval course of 1m 3f, 3f uphill run-in. The 5f course bends right at halfway and is uphill and testing, especially on soft ground. ■DRAW: Low best when stalls far side, high best when stalls inside. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): T Easterby 46-511, R & P Fahey 32-205, M & D Easterby 27-214. THIS SEASON: T Easterby 11, N Tinkler 4, R & P Fahey 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): J Hart 27-201, D Allan 27-254, Joanna Mason 26-183. THIS SEASON: D Allan 8, Oisin Orr 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Musical Accord (2.55) & Necromancer (3.35) trained at Kimpton Down. Round trip of 482 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: T Easterby won the 4.45 in 2021 and 2022. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

1.45 BLINK AND YOU MISS IT SPRINT HANDICAP (Class 3); value to the winner £10,468; 5f. (11 runners)

1 (4) 0-00819 **SOLAR ACLAIM 63 (D)** J Camacho 5-9-10 ..... **Kevin Stott 90**
2 (5) 9019020 **EXCLAMATION 32 (D)** G Harris 3-9-9 ..... **Oisin Orr 91**
3 (10) 4-81809 **CINQUE VERDE 21 (D)** A Carroll 6-9-8 ..... **Connor Beasley 89**
4 (8) -099394 **SIR YOSHI 8 (D)** G Harker 4-9-6 ..... **David Nolan 94**
5 (3) 2613104 **TRILBY 18 (CD)** S England 6-9-4 ..... **P J McDonald 90**
6 (7) **3357273 PADDY'S DAY 57 (D)** N Tinkler 6-9-4 ..... **Alex Jary (3) 95**
7 (1) -170844 **TEMPLE OF ATHENA 54 (CD)** B Ellison 3-9-3 ..... **Cam Hardie 93**
8 (9) 005-751 **FRANCISCO'S PIECE 29 (D)** A Keatley 4-9-2 ..... **Mikey Sheehy 97**
9 (6) 0485281 **LETHAL NYMPH 9 (D)** P Midgley 7-9-2 ..... **Jason Hart ●99**
10 (2) 0702376 **VINTAGE CLARETS 13 (CD)** R & P Fahey 7-9-1 ..... **Ethan Tindall (5) 93**
11 (11) 0637369 **BALDOMERO 19 (B;D)** M Appleby 8-9-0 ..... **Conor Whiteley (5) 85**

BETTING: 4 Lethal Nymph, 5 Sir Yoshi, 11-2 Paddy's Day, 6 Francisco's Piece, 7 Trilby, Temple Of Athena, 10 Vintage Clarets, 12 Cinque Verde
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

2.20 NAPOLEONS CASINO AND RESTAURANT HULL HANDICAP (5); winner £4,789; 1m 4f. (9 runners)

1 (3) 5663533 **L'EAGLE AID 27 (D)** C Johnston 5-9-13 ..... **Jason Hart ●99**
2 (1) **3213310 CLANSMAN 63 (D)** L Bailey 8-9-12 ..... **Billy Garritty 95**
3 (7) 6724146 **VALLEY OF FLOWERS 36 (CD)** S & J Coward 8-9-11 **Joanna Mason 93**
4 (9) 3-3731 **PRINCE OF CALYPSO 12 (D)** E Bethell 3-9-9 ..... **Oisin Orr 97**
5 (8) 9210424 **MAYAADA 49** O Sangster 3-9-7 ..... **Tom Eaves 96**
6 (5) 31-0742 **NORTHERN BRAVE 28** M Dods 3-9-6 ..... **Connor Beasley 99**
7 (2) 4-47316 **UNCHARTEDTERRITORY 21** D O'Meara 3-9-6 ..... **David Nolan 92**
8 (6) 77813 **BARAK WARRIOR 20 (BF,D)** J Keane 3-9-1 ..... **P J McDonald 95**
9 (4) 6-588 **TOPATHEMORNING 33** S Williams 3-8-8 ..... **Ethan Tindall (5) 85**

BETTING: 3 Prince Of Calypso, 4 L'Eagle Aid, 5 Northern Brave, 6 Barak Warrior, 8 Mayaada, Valley Of Flowers, 10 Uncharteditterritory, 12 Clansman, 25 Topathemorning
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 4
2025: Dr Rio 9-9-2 Zak Wheatley 15-2 (D Carroll) drawn 1, 6 ran.

2.55 DEARING PLASTICS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS HANDICAP (5); winner £4,789; 1m 2f. (11 runners)

1 (10) 534-113 **SHIMMERING SANDS 22 (CD)** M & D Easterby 7-10-2 ..... **Joanna Mason 94**
2 (11) 424-703 **PROJECT GEOFIN 14 (BF,D)** G O'droyd 5-10-2 ..... **P J McDonald 96**
3 (5) 464-3214 **EVERYONEKNOWSADAVE 26 (D)** J Macey 4-10-2 ..... **Rhys Elliott (5) 94**
4 (7) 1-41161 **CIAO CAPO 17 (CD)** R & P Fahey 3-9-7 ..... **Oisin Orr 97**
5 (1) 4-58251 **RAPIDE VEGA 12** A Keatley 3-9-7 ..... **Mikey Sheehy ●99**
6 (8) 766 **MUSICAL ACCORD 86** R Beckett 3-9-4 ..... **Jason Hart 90**
7 (4) 3-25310 **ZIATA 19 (D)** G Tutty 3-9-3 ..... **Connor Beasley 91**
8 (6) 7-3153 **FANS FAVOURITE 29 (D)** H Palmer 3-9-2 ..... **Conor Whiteley (5) 94**
9 (3) 4423253 **SUNNY ORANGE 14 (C)** T Easterby 6-9-0 ..... **Duran Fentiman 95**
10 (9) 6836598 **DISTINCTION 23 (V;CD)** J Mackie 8-8-11 ..... **Billy Garritty 84**
11 (2) 0-69837 **LADY HORNBLOWER 14 (V★;C)** J O'Keeffe 3-8-10 ..... **Barry McHugh 86**

BETTING: 7-2 Ciao Capo, 5 Rapide Vega, Project Geofin, 8 Musical Accord, 10 Shimmering Sands, Fans Favourite, Sunny Orange, Everyoneknowsadave
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 4
2025: Light Speed 5-9-3 Joanna Mason 7-1 (Gemma Tutty) drawn 2, 7 ran.

3.35 IRE-INCENTIVE, BUY IRISH EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 7f. (14 runners)

1 (10) **04 APRIL'S LUCK 11** D Cunha 9-2 ..... **Tom Eaves 78**
2 (14) **LUNA LACY** A Nicholls 9-2 ..... **Jack Garritty —**
3 (12) **NASEEBWALI** M Keady 9-2 ..... **Mikey Sheehy —**
4 (7) **7 PEN LAN ICON 14** D Loughnane 9-2 ..... **William Pyle 76**
5 (4) **3 SAFFRON BAY 21** C Hills 9-2 ..... **Oisin Orr 98**
6 (1) **SWEET DISTRACTION** G Tuer 9-2 ..... **Oliver Stammers —**
7 (8) **76 TRADITTION 22** T Easterby 9-2 ..... **David Allan 79**
8 (11) **WISHFUL THINKER (T★)** O Rix 9-2 ..... **Jonny Peate —**
9 (13) **4 BLANQUITA 19** D Cunha 8-13 ..... **P J McDonald 94**
10 (6) **36 HALCON 12** T Easterby 8-13 ..... **Sean Kirrane ●99**
11 (2) **0 HIGH ON HONEY 17** M & D Easterby 8-13 ..... **Joanna Mason 70**
12 (5) **MOUDORA** S Ender 8-13 ..... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) —**
13 (3) **56 NECROMANCER 15** R Beckett 8-13 ..... **Jason Hart 94**
14 (9) **40 TOMMO'S QUEEN 14** M & D Easterby 8-13 ..... **Billy Garritty 86**

BETTING: 11-4 Necromancer, 7-2 Blanquita, 5 Halcon, 6 Saffron Bay
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 3 2
2025: Lady Hornblower 9-2 Jack Garritty 11-4 (J O'Keeffe) drawn 7, 13 ran.

4.10 CHURCHILL TYRES HANDICAP (4) value to the winner £7,144; 7f (13 runners)

1 194201 **GLENFINNAN 17 (H;CD)**
(10) M Dods 6-10-2 ..... **Connor Beasley 96**
Runs: 37 Wins: 6 (2F,4G) Places: 4 £118,675
Back in winning groove C&D latest, up 4lb but give another good account

2 015504 **OBELIX 17 (D)**
(3) J Camacho 6-10-1 ..... **non-runner 88**
Runs: 33 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G) Places: 4 £77,695
Rallied after door shut in his face behind Glen latest, ruled out yesterday

3 -33063 **MUDAMER 45 (CD)**
(2) G Harker 7-10-0 ..... **Oisin McSweeney 90**
Runs: 42 Wins: 5 (S,F,2G) Places: 7 £59,317
Yet to hit full stride this season, still tad high in hcap, each-way squeak

4 734062 **SON 10 (BF,D)**
(6) T Easterby 5-9-13 ..... **David Allan 95**
Runs: 25 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £40,398
So close to breaking hcap duck latest, nudged up 2lb but still in mix

5 767745 **MISUNDERSTOOD 10 (H;D)**
(1) D O'Meara 4-9-12 ..... **David Nolan 86**
Runs: 16 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 1 £115,470
Fluffed start at Carlisle (behind Son) latest, struggling at present, left

6 461121 **THE SWEET ESCAPE 15 (CD)**
(13) D Loughnane 4-9-10 ..... **Joanna Mason ●99**
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (3F,G) Places: 4 £26,806
In great heart, though 6lb hike for Newm win latest won't make this easy

7 4-2220 **SWIFT SALIAN 18**
(7) D & N Barron 5-9-10 ..... **William Pyle 91**
Runs: 28 Wins: 3 (S,GS,G) Places: 9 £48,421
Fine start to year but bit to prove now after shocker at Hamilton last time

8 0-6130 **ZOWAL 35**
(8) J & S Quinn 4-9-10 ..... **Jason Hart 89**
Runs: 12 Wins: 2 (GS,G) Places: 3 £18,582
Form tailed off after good start last year and history repeating, down list

9 -03876 **ONE NIGHT THUNDER 22 (H;D)**
(4) G Tutty 6-9-7 ..... **Conor Whiteley (5) 85**
Runs: 22 Wins: 3 (S,A,G) Places: 4 £24,235
Out of sorts this year, hcapper giving him chance but needs to show more

10 066240 **ARDUIS INVICTA 31 (C)**
(11) C Lidster 3-9-7 ..... **Tom Eaves 90**
Runs: 18 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 4 £31,812
In fair form, Goodwood too hot last time, mark not beyond her, interesting

11 43-413 **HIGHLAND SHAH 51 (H;D)**
(9) J Camacho 3-9-0 ..... **Kevin Stott 97**
Runs: 5 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 1 £8,328
Mussel winner, not disgraced Donny latest, same again and go close

12 -24025 **SHADOW RUN 15**
(12) S Dixon 3-9-0 ..... **Christian Howarth (3) 89**
Runs: 8 Places: 2 £6,363
Ex-Irish, early days for this stable, can be competitive off current mark

13 492241 **SUPREME CLARETS 21 (D)**
(5) R & P Fahey 3-8-13 ..... **Oisin Orr 95**
Runs: 13 Wins: 1 (G) Places: 3 £15,383
Off mark at Ayr, 5lb hike, stable starting to emerge from doldrums, e-w

BETTING: 10-3 The Sweet Escape, 5 Son, 6 Highland Shah, 13-2 Glenfinnan, 8 Supreme Clarets, 10 Zowal, 12 Misunderstood, 14 Mudamer, 25 Arduis Invicta, Shadow Run, One Night Thunder
WHERE FAVES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

4.45 NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK 2026 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,789; 1m 100yds. (12 runners)

1 (4) -670850 **GOOD MORNING ALEX 101 (D)** D & N Barron 5-10-1 ..... **William Pyle 90**
2 (3) 3-68886 **REGALIAN 7** T Coyle & K Wood 4-10-0 ..... **David Nolan 92**
3 (11) 1125-00 **STYLE OF LIFE 15 (P★;D)** H Bethell 6-10-0 ..... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 85**
4 (7) 243942 **GLEN NEVIS 9 (BF)** C Johnston 3-9-11 ..... **Jason Hart 98**
5 (10) -251126 **GLORIOUS KITTY 54 (BF,D)** M & D Easterby 4-9-10 ..... **Joanna Mason 94**
6 (8) 1262437 **COOLREE 34 (CD)** S England 7-9-7 ..... **Shane Gray 88**
7 (9) 4-1725 **BORJINA 31** E Bethell 3-9-7 ..... **Kevin Stott 91**
8 (5) 2551223 **SANDY CRAIC 21** D O'Meara 3-9-6 ..... **Conor Whiteley (5) ●99**
9 (12) 535-613 **TARMONBARRY KID 73 (BF,D)** R & P Fahey 3-9-5 ..... **Oisin Orr 96**
10 (6) 8651294 **MOUNT KING 7 (B;D)** T Easterby 6-9-5 ..... **David Allan 95**
11 (2) 4113744 **FILEY BEACH 22** R Carr 5-8-13 ..... **James Sullivan 93**
12 (1) 6633517 **COBALT COMET 33 (H;D)** J Mackie 3-8-11 ..... **P J McDonald 92**

BETTING: 5-2 Glen Nevis, 6 Sandy Craic, 8 Tarmonbarry Kid, Mount King, 10 Regalian, Borjina, Glorious Kitty, 12 Good Morning Alex, Filey Beach
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 8 1-8 3 4
2025: This Years Love 4-9-5 Joanna Mason 11-2 (M & D Easterby) drawn 6, 9 ran.

CHEPSTOW

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT)

TEMPLEGATE		TOM PEPPER	
4.40	Minster Man	4.40	Roxa Love
5.15	Pj's Corner	5.15	Pj's Corner
5.45	Flight Tracker	5.45	Time Glory
6.15	Absolute Diamond	6.15	Sovereign Beach
6.45	Redredrobin	6.45	Mayberry Moon
7.15	Head Girl	7.15	Barrock Barrow
7.45	Tiger Beetle	7.45	Tiger Beetle

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, undulating, oval track of 2m, which joins the straight course 5f from home. All races up to a mile run on the straight course. ■DRAW: High numbers have a slight advantage in races up to a mile. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): G Harris 18-199, A Carroll 18-186, J & R Flint 16-82. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 7, G Harris 6, P Evans 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): F Marsh 15-111, W Carson 12-111, E Greatrex 8-30. THIS SEASON: Ashley Lewis 6, F Marsh 3, W Carson 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Roxa Love (4.40), Minster Man (4.40), Dowman (5.15), Pj's Corner (5.15), Saxon Lodge (5.45), Emery Down (6.45), Cloudy Rose (7.15), Heart Sign (7.15) trained at Newmarket. Round trip of 390 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

4.40 NOVICE STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 5f. (4 runners)

1 (1) 21 **MINSTER MAN 22 (D)** R Cowell 9-11 ..... **E Greatrex**
2 (2) 31 **ROXA LOVE 68 (D)** G Boughey 9-6 ..... **P Cosgrave**
3 (3) 62 **CRAZEE IN HAVANA 23** E J-Houghton 9-4 ..... **F Marsh**
4 (4) **MRS BLUE** O Sangster 8-13 ..... **S Donohoe**
Crazee In Havana ●99, Minster Man 96, Roxa Love 93.
5-4 Minster Man, 15-8 Roxa Love, 7-2 Crazee In Havana, 14 Mrs Blue

5.15 HANDICAP (5); 2-y-o; winner £4,187; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (2) 5319 **SOUTH WEST 16 (B;BF,D)** R Hughes 9-9 ..... **non-runner**
2 (3) 2212 **DOWMAN 24 (BF,D)** G Boughey 9-8 ..... **P Cosgrave**
3 (7) 33 **SEA PALACE 61** O Sangster 9-8 ..... **S Donohoe**
4 (6) 234 **MAXIMUS MERIDIUS 32 (BF)** D Loughnane 9-5 **L Pearson**
5 (4) 594 **ARD AS A ROCK 17 (BF)** P Evans 9-5 ..... **W Carson**
6 (5) 8531 **PJ'S CORNER 31 (D)** D Cunha 9-4 ..... **E Greatrex**
7 (1) 3440 **PERIGORD NOIR 29 (V★)** G Baker 9-3 ... **A Lewis (3)**
Dowman ●99, Ard As A Rock 98, Maximus Meridius 95.
5-2 Dowman, 4 Pj's Corner, 9-2 Ard As A Rock, 11-2 Maximus Meridius, 15-2 Sea Palace, 33 Perigord Noir

Sun FORM

SOUTH WEST (9-9) 7-4 fav lost place 2f out, last of 9 (btn 6¾l) to Sultan Darius (9-1) (Lingfield 5f hcap (5) £4,187 AW).
DOWMAN (9-0) 2-1 fav took second post, btn 1l by Beauty Box (9-4) (5 ran) (Yarm 5f hcap (4) £5,339 good to firm).
SEA PALACE (9-7) 8-1 kept on final 1f, 3rd of 7 (btn 2¼l) to Soldier Of The Sea (9-7) (Ffos Las 6f nov stks (4) £5,400 good).
MAXIMUS MERIDIUS (9-7) 11-4 co fav midfield, faded final furlong, 4th of 13 (btn 6l) to Black Velvet Boy (9-7) (Beverley 5f mdn (5) £4,860 good to firm).
ARD AS A ROCK (9-7) 8-11 fav midfield, weakened final 110yds, 4th of 10 (btn 3l) to Lexington Boom (9-4) (Beverley 5f nov stks (5) £4,860 good to firm).
PJ'S CORNER (9-1) 10-1 held on gamely finish, bt My Maria (9-4) nk (6 ran) (Leicester 5f hcap (5) £3,926 good to firm).
PERIGORD NOIR (8-5) 100-1 soon weakened, 14th of 18 (btn 11l) to Revels (9-6) (G'wood 6f hcap (2) £30,924 good to firm).

5.45 NOVICE STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £6,480; 7f. (6 runners)

1 (6) 2 **FLIGHT TRACKER 23** R Beckett 9-7 ..... **E Greatrex**
2 (3) **MAINSHOCK** D Loughnane 9-7 ..... **L Pearson**
3 (2) 54 **MIDGHAM MAN 25** B Millman 9-7 ..... **J Doughty**
4 (5) **6 MONTGOMERY BELL 30** H Main 9-7 ... **A Lewis (3)**
5 (4) **SAXON LODGE** J Horton 9-7 ..... **S Donohoe**
6 (1) 4369 **TIME GLORY 22** J Llewellyn & R Williams 9-2 **R Kavanagh (3)**
Flight Tracker ●99, Time Glory 97, Midgham Man 92.
5-6 Flight Tracker, 4 Mainshock, 6 Saxon Lodge, 7 Midgham Man

6.15 HANDICAP (6); 2-y-o; winner £3,664; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (3) 255 **THUNDA STRUCK 90** D Loughnane 9-9 ..... **T Langley (5)**
2 (5) 9645 **NO MORE PINO 2 (BF)** C Pike 9-9 ..... **K Fox**
3 (4) 0326 **BETTER NATURE 20** J Portman 9-8 ..... **J Doughty**
4 (2) 2466 **ABSOLUTE DIAMOND 36 (BF)** P Evans 9-7 ..... **P Cosgrave**
5 (7) 3344 **JAZZY BAY 20 (P★)** E J-Houghton 9-5 **O Carmichael (7)**
6 (1) 854 **PARKERS LIGHT 19 (P★)** T Dascombe 9-5.. **W Cox**
7 (10) 6034 **SOVEREIGN BEACH 16** O Sangster 9-4 **S Donohoe**
8 (9) 074 **Q T BOY 17** P Evans 9-3 ..... **W Carson**
9 (6) 850 **ZONNEVELD 15 (B★)** J Moore 8-12 ..... **D Murphy (7)**
10 (11) 6568 **INVICTA ROSE 12** O Sangster 8-11 ..... **E Greatrex**
11 (8) 6625 **SO TEMPTING 12 (V★)** T Ward 8-11 ..... **A Lewis (3)**
Sovereign Beach ●99, Thunda Struck 97, No More Pino 97.
3 No More Pino, 4 Thunda Struck, 5 Sovereign Beach

6.45 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,664; 7f. (8 runners)

1 (8) 1122 **DAPPLED LIGHT 44 (C)** A Wintle 6-9-9 ..... **F Marsh**
2 (2) 0-45 **MAYBERRY MOON 46 (D)** T Faulkner 4-9-3 ..... **E Greatrex**
3 (6) 8038 **PORT LOUIS 37 (D)** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 5-9-7 **D Murphy (7)**
4 (3) 4443 **CONNIE'S ROSE 11 (CD)** G Harris 7-9-6 ..... **A Lewis (3)**
5 (5) 2233 **ROSEMARY'S ROSE 25 (BF)** B Millman 4-9-3 .. **T Langley (5)**
6 (7) 4315 **KALEIDSCOPE EYES 8 (D)** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 4-8-7 **R Kavanagh (3)**
7 (1) 8928 **REDREDROBIN 12 (CD)** M Saunders 9-9-2 .. **W Carson**
8 (4) 4426 **EMERY DOWN 30 (D)** J Ryan 4-9-0 ..... **P Cosgrave**
Dappled Light ●99, Connie's Rose 97, Emery Down 96.
2 Dappled Light, 5 Emery Down, Rosemary's Rose, 6 Connie's Rose

7.15 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,664; 1m 4f. (8 runners)

1 (2) 508/ **BIG LOU J252** J & R Flint 5-10-0 ..... **W Carson**
2 (3) -562 **WONDERFUL WENDY 84** H Evans 4-9-8 ..... **W Cox**
3 (1) 1335 **BUCK BARROW 8 (D)** A Wintle 4-9-7 ..... **F Marsh**
4 (8) 00-3 **BAILEYS WARRIOR 84** T Faulkner 8-9-6.. **L Pearson**
5 (4) 6376 **HEART SIGN 54 (B,H;BF)** J Morland 3-9-5 **T Langley (5)**
6 (7) 9391 **HEAD GIRL 32 (D)** J Portman 3-9-5 ..... **E Greatrex**
7 (5) 5487 **CLOUDY ROSE 24 (D)** J Barry 8-9-2 ..... **L Wright (3)**
8 (6) 5326 **DASH OF CLASS 52 (H)** R Newland 3-9-0 ..... **J Doughty**
Heart Sign ●99, Buck Barrow 96, Head Girl 95.
5-2 Head Girl, 4 Wonderful Wendy, 5 Buck Barrow, 11-2 Heart Sign

7.45 APPRENTICE HANDICAP (6); winner £3,664; 1m 2f. (8 runners)

1 (5) 2212 **KNIGHTMARE 32 (B;BF,C)** P Evans 4-9-12 **A Tucker (7)**
2 (3) 5561 **CITY ESCAPE 8 (E;D)** N Evans 9-9-10.. **A Redman (5)**
3 (2) 6433 **TYPEFACE 38** I Williams 4-9-8 ..... **J Dace**
4 (6) 9041 **CELEBRATING ETHEL 22 (D)** A Carroll 7-9-8 **M Coppins (3)**
5 (8) 7835 **TIGER BEETLE 18 (V★;D)** T Faulkner 8-9-7 **Z Lewis (5)**
6 (1) 5859 **RAJBELLO 30** F O'Brien 3-9-2 ..... **D Murphy (3)**
7 (7) 6065 **PEPPER FIZZ 7** G Nicholls 3-9-1 ..... **H Regan (7)**
8 (4) 7496 **ELORA PRINCE 8** A Wintle 3-8-12 ..... **T Langley**
Knightmare ●99, Celebrating Ethel 98, City Escape 97.
5-2 Knightmare, 10-3 Celebrating Ethel, 4 City Escape, 6 Typeface

Favourite

JIMMY EYES DOUBLE

JIMMY MOFFATT is hoping to experience the joy of six in today's Cartmel Cup (3.53).

The Cheltenham Festival-winning trainer has won Cartmel's big race five times and has two rolls of the dice today.

Moffatt, who trains less than a mile from the Cumbria track, saddles My Chiquita, who won over course and distance earlier in the season, and Got Grey. The latter drops back in trip and will be ridden by former champ Brian Huges.

It has been another solid summer campaign for Moffatt, who has fired in nine winners and is on course to finish as top trainer at his local track.

There are also double points on offer in the Sun Racing Summer Jumps Championship in the Cartmel Cup, and he could well leapfrog David Pipe in the standings for 'Smaller Trainer' this afternoon.

UP FOR CUP . . . My Chiquita runs at Cartmel for Jimmy Moffatt

TOP TRAINER
1. Dan Skelton.................494
2. Mickey Bowen.............230
3. Jonjo & AJ O'Neill.......185
4. Olly Murphy.................168
5. James Owen.................149

TOP JOCKEY
1. Harry Skelton...............491
2. Sean Bowen.................385
3. Jonjo O'Neill Jr............137
4. James Bowen................135
5. Harry Reed.....................132

TOP SMALLER TRAINER
1. David Pipe....................125
2. James Moffatt.............102
2. Micky Hammond..........102
4. Nick Scholfield..............92
5. Tristan Davidson............74

TOP OWNER
1. Hools & Forces..............79
2. David Pipe Racing Club.50
3. Miss Jayne Brace..........40
3. J McIver........................40
5. The Cheeky Pups..........38

RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S EIGHT MEETINGS

DOWN ROYAL
Going: Good-good to firm in places

4.30: 1 NICKY LARSON S W Flanagan (8-13 fav); **2 Nod Of Approval** (11-2); **3 No Bother Aoife** (7-2). 9 ran. ½l; 7½l. P Nolan. T: €1.62; €1.10, €1.70, €1.10. Ex: €4.20. Trifecta: €15.10. CF: €5.38.

5.05: 1 RARE TIMES J J Slevin (6-5 fav); **2 Jo's Secret** (10-3); **3 Clanokre Lass** (22-1). 10 ran. 2¼l; 3¼l. Mags Mullins. T: €2.20; €1.10, €1.10, €4.10. Ex: €6. Trifecta: €40.40. CF: €6.15. NR: Churchfield Annie.

5.37: 1 MO GHILLE MAR H Sexton (7-1); **2 Whispering Willow** (14-1); **3 Hopeful Hero** (4-1). 14 ran (Dairy Force 7-2 fav). 3l; shd. J J Hanlon. T: €8.70; €2.70, €4.70, €2.10. Ex: €163.10. Tricast: €462.65. Trifecta: €654.50. CF: €103.30. NR: Bruant, Lips Freedom.

6.12: 1 TEDDY JONES Josh Williamson (7-1); **2 Seamy Appletart** (9-1); **3 Wackestone** (7-4 jtfav). 8 ran (Santa Domingo 7-4 jtfav). 7½l; 3l. R P Cody. T: €8.50; €1.90, €2.50, €1.10. Ex: €75.30. Trifecta: €185.60. CF: €63.80.

6.47: 1 REVEREND HUBERT P Byrnes (9-4 fav); **2 Samui** (3-1); **3 Rocky's Diamond** (11-4). 6 ran. ¾l; 36l. C Byrnes. T: €3.25; €1.50, €2. Ex: €10.20. Trifecta: €29.70. CF: €9.93. NR: Gangster Granny, The Friday Man, Thecompanysergeant.

7.22: 1 KNOCKNAGORAN LADY C Stone-Walsh (8-1); **2 Technology** (20-1); **3 Fire Coral** (7-2 fav). 15 ran. 2¾l; ½l. Cian Hughes. T: €9.20; €2.60, €6.70, €2.20. Ex: €222.60. Tricast: €684.78. Trifecta: Not won. CF: €170.35. NR: Brandt, Charlie's Dilemma, Grace Faraday, Jonny Carrol, Journey So Far, Midleton Rare, My Policy.

7.56: 1 HUTTON STAR Mr P A King (13-2); **2 Hilly Filly** (5-2 fav); **3 Clovelly Charm** (10-3). 11 ran. 2½l; ½l. D H Kelly. T: €8.60; €2.40, €1.10, €1.50. Ex: €34.40. Trifecta: €97.70. CF: €23.53. NR: Missouri Snow.

PLACEPOT: €36.30

FFOS LAS
Going: Good

2.00: 1 SON OF ASTAR D Probert (12-1); **2 Little Jaybee** (3-1); **3 Call Time** (4-1). 6 ran (Forever Glamorous 2-1 fav). ½l; nk. A Carroll. T: £14.50; £4.70, £2.10. Ex: £59. Tricast: £172.98. Trifecta: £184.10. CF: £48.68. NR: Bridget's Baby, Red Walls.

2.35: 1 CYPRIOT DIASPORA R Kavanagh (7-2); **2 Mountain Of Light** (11-2); **3 The Stone Power** (9-4 fav). 8 ran. 6l; 2l. B Millman. T: £4.50; £1.10, £1.50, £2.30. Ex: £25.10. Tricast: £52.85. Trifecta: £88.90. CF: £23.94. NR: Dappled Light, Gelato.

3.10: 1 WITHTEARSINMYEYES D Probert (evens fav); **2 Sydney Rock** (9-4); **3 Zupa Trupa** (17-2). 5 ran. 2¼l; nk. J Channon. T: £2; £1.10, £1.40. Ex: £3.70. Trifecta: £8.20. CF: £3.54.

3.45: 1 LAUNCESTON Myla Coppins (9-1); **2 Private Officer** (16-1); **3 King of The Dance** (11-2). 8 ran (Dinah Myte 2-1 fav). 1¼l; shd. A Carroll. T: £10; £2.50, £4.60, £1.80. Ex: £202.20. Trifecta: £1038.30. CF: £138.15. NR: Belltony, Eye Of The Water.

4.20: 1 GIVE ME SUN B Sayette (6-1); **2 Summer Oasis** (40-1); **3 Pangbourne** (17-2). 11 ran (Grindleton 3-1 jtfav, Sunshine And Roses 3-1 jtfav). 1¾l; ¾l. P Owens. T: £7; £1.70, £7.30, £2.20. Ex: £165.10. Tricast: £2060.86. Trifecta: £2189.90. CF: £222.39.

4.55: 1 FLIGHTOFTHEPHOENIX F Marsh (9-2); **2 Hibernate** (9-1); **3 Raintown** (3-1). 5 ran (Crackergee 11-8 fav). 2l; 1¾l. C Hills. T: £5.50; £2, £3.20. Ex: £25.80. Trifecta: £137.80. CF: £37.86. NR: Luan, Robusto, Shaffron.

PLACEPOT: £650.70
QUADPOT: £93

FONTWELL
Going: Good

4.05: 1 KOM TU VOUDRAS H Cobden (7-2); **2 Break Point** (7-1); **3 Motazzen** (13-2). 5 ran (Easter Icon 13-8 fav). 5½l; 11l. Faye Bramley. T: £4.50; £2.10, £2.30. Ex: £18. Trifecta: £52.60. CF: £24.70.

4.40: 1 SALKADAN H Skelton (4-6 fav); **2 Rum Diamond** (17-2); **3 Houndswood Willow** (17-2). 8 ran. 10l; 14l. D Skelton. T: £1.67; £1.10, £2.30, £2.30. Ex: £7.80. Trifecta: £37.90. CF: £8.62.

5.15: 1 DELGANY SECOND NOW H Skelton (9-4); **2 Onehundredneighty** (6-5 fav); **3 Khalk'eau Spigao** (8-1). 7 ran. 2¾l; 6½l. D Skelton. T: £3.25; £1.50, £1.30. Ex: £4.10. Trifecta: £20.80. CF: £5.67.

5.50: 1 YOUDECIDE B R Jones (8-13 fav); **2 Helios Allen** (11-2); **3 Edgewell** (14-1). 7 ran. 7½l; 27l. B Pauling. T: £1.62; £3.30, £1.20. Ex: £4.70. Trifecta: £22. CF: £4.65.

6.25: 1 LUNA RUN Paul O'Brien (2-1); **2 Athena's Dream** (13-2); **3 Mobile Mamma** (7-4 fav). 5 ran. 10l; ¾l. Harry Derham. T: £3; £1.20, £2.20. Ex: £10.90. Trifecta: £28.40. CF: £14.48. NR: Lynsey Larue, Steal A Glance.

7.00: 1 MERELY A DETAIL J J Burke (3-1); **2 She Is For Me Boys** (7-2); **3 Two To Tango** (14-1). 6 ran (Person Of Interest 9-4 fav). 9½l; 3¾l. T Bulgin. T: £4; £3.40, £1.60. Ex: £16.70. Trifecta: £94.50. CF: £14.

7.33: 1 GRAFFITI M Bevan (10-1); **2 God Of Fire** (4-1); **3 Raffles Nobu** (7-2). 9 ran (Aggagio 3-1 fav). 1½l; 8l. G Brown. T: £11.60; £2.50, £2, £2.70. Ex: £74.10. Tricast: £171.90. Trifecta: £225. CF: £51.63.

PLACEPOT: £35.40
QUADPOT: £11

GOODWOOD
Going: Good to firm

4.35: 1 GOBBY GRACE H Crouch (5-1); **2 Motown Filly** (6-5 fav); **3 Wig Wam Bam** (9-2). 5 ran. 3l; 3¾l. R Hughes. T: £6; £1.80, £1.30. Ex: £14.20. Trifecta: £26.40. CF: £11.61. NR: Queen Of Christmas.

5.10: 1 KOKOLUNA C Bishop (18-1); **2 Alice De Clare** (5-1); **3 Brighton Beach** (4-1 fav). 12 ran. ns; 1½l. E J-Houghton. T: £20.30; £5, £2.20, £1.80. Ex: £140.30. Tricast: £449.13. Trifecta: £814.50. CF: £107.11. NR: Blue Wonder.

Following a stewards' inquiry, Alice De Clare who finished 1st was disqualified and placed 2nd.

5.45: 1 KELLY BURN Ashley Lewis (9-2); **2 Cracking Beauty** (40-1); **3 Glenna** (2-1). 6 ran (Ammoony 11-8 fav). ns; ½l. J Fanshawe. T: £5.50; £2.30, £5.80. Ex: £85.80. Tricast: £463.91. Trifecta: £260.70. CF: £114.88. NR: Kissmehoneyhoney, Marianita, Mother Dear.

6.20: 1 VELVET GOLDMINE K Shoemark (13-2); **2 Over Spiced** (16-1); **3 Kiss And Run** (8-1). 9 ran (Ruby's Profit 9-4 fav). 3¼l; nk. E Walker. T: £7.50; £2, £3.40, £2.40. Ex: £94. Tricast: £847.50. Trifecta: £592.60. CF: £102.88.

6.55: 1 SOUND AND VISION K Shoemark (10-3); **2 Northcliff** (5-2 fav); **3 Raffles Angel** (9-2). 7 ran. ½l; 1¾l. E Walker. T: £4.34; £1.90, £1.90. Ex: £10.80. Tricast: £36.32. Trifecta: £40.10. CF: £12. NR: Newsreader, Perfect Location, Veil Of Clouds.

7.28: 1 BEACH POINT Mr Henry Callan (85-40 fav); **2 Kimeko Glory** (9-4); **3 Show Biz Kid** (15-2). 7 ran. ¾l; ¾l. W Knight. T: £3.20; £1.90, £1.70. Ex: £9.30. Tricast: £28.16. Trifecta: £38.30. CF: £7.26. NR: Artavian, Romantic Spirit, Sant Alessio.

JACKPOT: £5,470.63
PLACEPOT: £180.20
QUADPOT: £61.10

SANDOWN
Going: Good

2.25: 1 BETTY BOOP O Murphy (10-3); **2 Rotelle** (12-1); **3 Innichen** (3-1 fav). 8 ran. ¾l; 2l. R Hughes. T: £4.34; £1.50, £2.80, £1.50. Ex: £45.90. Tricast: £134.88. Trifecta: £241.80. CF: £43.53.

3.00: 1 SOUTH SHORE M Ghiani (7-4 fav); **2 Maharajas Express** (4-1); **3 Hint Of Humour** (11-1). 9 ran. ¾l; 1½l. R Cowell. T: £2.75; £1.20, £1.70, £2.30. Ex: £9.30. Tricast: £57.84. Trifecta: £67.30. CF: £8.49.

3.35: 1 ALGAIHABANE W Buick (9-2); **2 Old Oak** (40-1); **3 Thunder Home** (13-8 fav). 10 ran. nk; ½l. J & T Gosden. T: £5.50; £1.80, £5.70, £1.10. Ex: £142.30. Trifecta: £486.80. CF: £145.29. NR: New Oxford.

4.10: 1 DRYMEE B Loughnane (11-8 jtfav); **2 Magic Trip** (12-1); **3 Tamzan** (12-1). 6 ran (Thursday Girl 11-8 jtfav). 5l; 1l. J Fanshawe. T: £2.38; £1.30, £4.90. Ex: £19.70. Tricast: £141.12. Trifecta: £70.10. CF: £20.31. NR: Dovecote, Glen Nevis.

4.45: 1 POETS PRAISE Rossa Ryan (11-4 fav); **2 Dark Rosa** (3-1); **3 Post Rider** (11-1). 7 ran. 3¾l; 1½l. R Beckett. T: £3.75; £2.10, £2. Ex: £11.20. Tricast: £74.75. Trifecta: £70.10. CF: £11.02. NR: Perfect Ruler.

5.20: 1 SOVEREIGN VIEW Rossa Ryan (7-2); **2 Oh Yes You Do** (5-2 fav); **3 Carnival Day** (9-2). 8 ran. 1l; 1½l. J Tate. T: £4.50; £1.40, £1.40, £1.80. Ex: £15.10. Tricast: £39.17. Trifecta: £55.40. CF: £12.84. NR: Galyx.

PLACEPOT: £19.20
QUADPOT: £10.40

SEDGEFIELD
Going: Good to firm-good in places

4.25: 1 CADILLAC RANCH Miss E Callwood (80-1); **2 Tracker Issue** (13-2); **3 Datstheholyallofit** (4-5 fav). 8 ran. ¾l; 2½l. L Morgan. T: £81; £7.50, £1.30, £1.10. Ex: £365.60. Trifecta: £2445.30. CF: £511.

5.00: 1 LITTLETOWN LAD J England (5-2); **2 Character Testing** (9-2); **3 Expert Analysis** (10-1). 10 ran (Yanka Blue 9-4 fav). 1¾l; 6l. S England. T: £3.50; £1.70, £2.10, £3.40. Ex: £17.90. Tricast: £96.75. Trifecta: £122.80. CF: £14.56.

5.32: 1 WUDYA D McMenamin (6-1); **2 Thank You Blue** (10-3); **3 Delpotro** (5-2 fav). 8 ran. 1l; 1¾l. J Parkinson & S Smith. T: £7; £1.70, £1.20, £1.60. Ex: £27.70. Tricast: £63.57. Trifecta: £105.90. CF: £27.87. NR: Wherearethejudges.

6.05: 1 SAINT POLO L Scott (3-1); **2 Glory And Honour** (12-1); **3 Jolie Coeur Allen** (15-2). 6 ran (Machete Beach 5-2 fav). shd; ¾l. J Candlish. T: £4; £1.80, £3.50. Ex: £34.90. Trifecta: £124.30. CF: £33.48.

6.40: 1 GETAWAY VIC J Bowen (6-1); **2 Jeteye** (9-4 fav); **3 Jo Arengeot Bey Aa** (7-2). 7 ran. 3¾l; nk. M Bowen. T: £7.10; £2.70, £3.30. Ex: £19.50. Trifecta: £53.80. CF: £21.09.

7.15: 1 WILLIAM YEATS J England (5-4 fav); **2 Aimeric** (17-2); **3 Lillistar** (4-1). 9 ran. 1½l; 7l. S England. T: £2.25; £1.10, £2.70, £1.80. Ex: £14.20. Tricast: £35.49. Trifecta: £54.10. CF: £13.34. NR: Socks Off.

7.50: 1 YOU BE LUCKY JEAN Sean Quinlan (2-1 fav); **2 Cumnock** (17-2); **3 Youlooklikeyourmum** (14-1). 9 ran. ns; 2l. M Hammond. T: £3; £1.20, £2.60, £3.10. Ex: £25.40. Trifecta: £378.30. CF: £20.22.

PLACEPOT: £38.50
QUADPOT: £11.90

THIRSK
Going: Good

2.13: 1 HATAMOTO Miss Rebecca Burley (5-1); **2 Tees George** (5-1); **3 Misemerald** (3-1 fav). 11 ran. nk; 2½l. T Easterby. T: £6; £1.90, £1.80, £1.40. Ex: £28.80. Tricast: £90.76. Trifecta: £104.30. CF: £29.55.

4.00: 1 DEEP HAVANA Faleh Bughanaim (28-1); **2 Yes I'm Mali** (6-1); **3 Woodstock** (10-1); **4 Art Lover** (14-1). 18 ran (Anyasi 3-1 fav). hd; 1¾l; 1¾l. H Al Jehani (UAE) . T: £36.90; £5.50, £2, £2.70, £2.60. Ex: £360.80. Tricast: £1917.29. Trifecta: £3410. CF: £191.43. NR: Havana Rum, Woven.

PLACEPOT: £4.80
QUADPOT: £6.40

WEXFORD
Going: Good-good to yielding in places

3.40: 1 GAME POINT P J Cody (4-11 fav); **2 Sonas** (28-1); **3 Noble Rocco** (40-1). 12 ran. 18l; 6l. R P Cody. T: €1.37; €1.02, €3.60, €8.20. Ex: €12.60. Trifecta: €226.60. CF: €22.12. NR: Mozart's Song.

4.15: 1 COOL SUMMER P T Enright (7-2); **2 Ballinearla Girl** (9-1); **3 Bella Union** (11-1). 12 ran (The Toothpicker 3-1 fav). 2¾l; 1¼l. Miss H McLoughlin. T: €4.50; €1.40, €3.40, €3.50. Ex: €29.40. Tricast: €330.60. Trifecta: €381.50. CF: €38.05. NR: Game Phoenix, Kinski, Phoenix Cowboy, Sidiriya, Tingarran Express.

4.50: 1 BOOLA TIMES D J O'Keeffe (4-1 fav); **2 Bruise Hill** (13-2); **3 Tomas O Maille** (12-1). 14 ran. 2¼l; ¾l. D Budds. T: €5.20; €1.40, €2.90, €3.80. Ex: €45.10. Tricast: €305. Trifecta: €367.30. CF: €31.73. NR: Dark Berkshire, Friar Hogan, Getaway Charlie.

5.25: 1 SEKAKARMA D J O'Keeffe (10-3 fav); **2 Tantrum Boy** (6-1); **3 Chosen Princess** (4-1). 14 ran. ½l; nk. W M Roper. T: €4.34; €1.40, €2.60, €2.10. Ex: €25.30. Tricast: €87.31. Trifecta: €109.30. CF: €25.24. NR: Duke Otto, Rumble Demosa, Warm In Gorey.

5.57: 1 SOMETHING FABULOUS A Harvey (4-1); **2 Star Cave** (6-1); **3 Nancy Wheeler** (150-1). 12 ran (Clody Diamond 13-8 fav). 1¼l; 4¾l. J McConnell. T: €5.50; €1.50, €2.20, €15.60. Ex: €36.70. Trifecta: €1011.40. CF: €29.59. NR: Lakewood Rose.

6.32: 1 FEMME MAGNIFIQUE D Gilligan (7-4); **2 Ma Jacks Hill** (11-1); **3 Warriors Wood** (9-2). 5 ran (Le Coq Hardi 11-8 fav). ¾l; 16l. D H Kelly. T: €2.75; €1.20, €3.10. Ex: €16.50. Trifecta: €46.60. CF: €17.35.

7.07: 1 CHOSEN SHANT P T Enright (15-2); **2 Luimneach** (15-2); **3 Catalani** (7-2 jtfav). 9 ran (Kasper Hauser 7-2 jtfav). 3¼l; ½l. Aengus King. T: €8.80; €2.20, €2, €1.40. Ex: €57.70. Tricast: €235.95. Trifecta: €694.70. CF: €64.47. NR: The Burrow.

7.38: 1 THEWAYBACKHOME J Shinnick (7-2 fav); **2 Fr Gilligansvoyge** (8-1); **3 Mini Getaway** (20-1). 13 ran. 3½l; 6l. T O'Brien. T: €4.50; €1.80, €2.40, €7.70. Ex: €26.50. Tricast: €519.63. Trifecta: €629. CF: €34.12. NR: Hit The Frame, Je Suis, U Asking Me.

PLACEPOT: €68.70

AS one legend takes his leave, another lives on.

It felt something of a formality that Galopin Des Champs would be retired before the start of the upcoming jumps season.

His powers looked on the wane last winter, and he was soundly beaten by Fact To File when chasing a fourth Irish Gold Cup in February.

In typically irritating fashion, whenever a top racehorse suffers an injury we were never actually told what the problem was that saw him ruled out for the rest of the season.

But the rumour mill suggested it was career-ending and so it has proved. He was a top-class staying chaser, and the jumping game will be poorer without him.

Constitution Hill, however, is still firing on all cylinders and will return to the track a week today at Kempton.

There will always be groups of killjoys, especially on social media, who moan the horse gets too much attention.

But I'm just as invested in the Constitution Hill story as I've ever been.

Each time he fell over hurdles it was a sickening feeling, and to see a horse who'd been so imperious just completely lose his confidence was difficult.

Nicky Henderson and owner Michael Buckley were right to abandon jumping and enjoy a couple of years of enjoyment on the Flat with him. I've been lucky enough to cover some massive race meetings, but that night at Southwell was, and will undoubtedly remain, one of my favourite trips to a racecourse.

Con ride not done and dusted just yet

The place was heaving and the atmosphere was electric.

I can't have been the only one who had butterflies in my stomach beforehand, and the crowd went bananas when he galloped clear by the best part of 10 lengths.

There was a stampede to welcome him back in, with broadcaster Nick Luck saying the only time he could remember people sprinting to the winner's enclosure was after Desert Orchid's last King George success.

It was a brilliant reminder that, despite all of the challenges facing this sport, a champion racehorse can still have real cut-through with the public.

There were genuine tears of joy and grins as wide as the nearby River Trent everywhere you looked.

Horses who provoke that saw of emotional reaction don't come along very often, and Constitution Hill is one of them.

And this time next week we'll find out just how big Hendo and Buckley can begin to dream.

Because he is going to face some very serious opposition in the September Stakes, with one high-class rival in Gethin already a confirmed runner.

Kempton reckons Constitution Hill will put at least an extra 1,000 on the gate on Saturday. This horse has an incredible pulling power, so ignore all the naysayers.

Let's enjoy him while we still can.

STAR POWER . . . Constitution Hill

IN A FIX OVER FIXTURES

ONE thing that unites this incredibly divided sport is the need to drastically cut down the fixture list, which is no longer fit for purpose.

But just 18 meetings (1,440 from 1,458) have been trimmed for the 2027 schedule, which is released next week, and the number of races remains roughly the same. The horse population is dwindling so field sizes are shrinking. Foal crops are also down while prize-money at the lower end remains atrocious.

The BHA's Richard Wayman said major changes can't be made because the sport's financial model, essentially, depends on quantity over quality. But it's the same old story every year as we keep muddling on. It can't carry on like this.

YOUR NO 1 GREYHOUND ROUND-UP WITH CHRIS OLIVER

BACKERS of Reversed could be in Heaven at Monmore.

Following good runs to finish second on her last two outings, Heaven Reversed (1) can go one better in the A5 at 1.51.

Brian Thompson's bitch was hassled for the lead when clocking a relatively useful 28.90 (+10) nine days ago and she has a good chance to cut loose this time with a lovely make-up on the rails inside a slow starter.

It could also pay to side with the red jacket in the A3 at 11.52, when Joes Luck (1) is fancied to strike.

He has also finished second on his last two starts and was only denied by a short head when flying home on Tuesday.

That 28.45 (+30) gives him strong claims today and he is expected to turn prominently on the inside. Dunstall Park gears up for the PGR St Leger and the ARC Birmingham Cup with trial stakes for both events tonight.

We'll focus on the latter and Signet Nayla (3) is expected to relish a return to the Wolverhampton circuit at 7.38. She has been in sparkling form this summer, including back-to-back facile victories over this C&D last month, and she is well drawn down the middle this evening.

It's not a straightforward task but her smart early pace can see her get first run and, perhaps crucially, she is already proven at this track.

Another bitch fancied to take some catching is Copney Queen (3), who can steal a march on her rivals at 6.58.

She finished a fine second in the Coral Sussex Cup final at Hove when last seen at the start of the month and she warmed up for this with a sprint trial here last Saturday.

■SELECTIONS: Joes Luck (T1, 11.52 Monmore); Heaven Reversed (T1, 1.51 Monmore); Copney Queen (T3, 6.58 Dunstall Park); Signet Nayla (T3, 7.38 Dunstall Park).

SELECTIONS

■MONMORE: 11.01 Final Episode (4-2-3) 11.18 Winterfield Bear (4-5-6) 11.34 Droopys Nibble (nap) (4-1-6) 11.52 Kilwest Beauty (6-2-1) 12.09 Westway Freedom (4-5-1) 12.26 Bogger Una (3-5-4) 12.42 Beatties Lena (4-3-1) 12.59 Dunquin Brendan (6-2-5) 1.17 Amka Raven (4-2-3) 1.33 Elderberry Flash (6-4-2) 1.51 Rinn Soileir (3-1-4) 2.07 Elderberry Bingo (6-1-5)

■NEWCASTLE: 2.28 Slaneyside Boyne (4-3-5) 2.48 Putya Foot Down (nap) (4-5-1) 3.08 Rolo Genie (nb) (3-4-6) 3.28 Alnwick Tornado (5-4-1) 3.48 Chasing Aine (5-3-2) 4.08 Alnwick Brooke (1-6-5) 4.28 Alnwick Wizard (6-1-2) 4.48 Love The Dogs (6-2-3) 5.08 Anglesey Flight (5-6-1) 5.24 Ballymac Fearne (1-3-6) 5.43 Deelish Diva (5-2-1) 6.01 Drombeg Nova (6-1-4)

■TOWCESTER: 2.18 Trapstyle Wee (nap) (6-4-3) 2.38 Swift Flourish (2-4-6) 2.58 Salthill Joker (nb) (2-5-3) 3.18 Ballyclearylinks (3-2-1) 3.38 Moolah (4-5-2) 3.58 Fabulous Trick (2-3-1) 4.18 Chadwell Pest (6-2-3) 4.38 Cul Na Braithre (3-2-5) 4.58 Freyas Tiger (2-5-4) 5.18 Romantic Bingo (2-3-4) 5.36 Kranky Paddy (4-1-5) 5.55 Droopys Mikayla (3-2-6)

RETURNS

■HOVE: 11.01 Antigua Luigi 2-1 (1-3-6 BAGS F £13.78). 11.18 Fatboy Stu 9-4 (2-4-6 £8.32). 11.34 Kerrs Alive 6-4f (1-2-6 £4.72). 11.52 Hillend Rachel 11-8 (4-1-5 £3.66). 12.09 Sly Ash 7-1 (4-1-3 £51.29 TC £171.11). 12.26 Yassoo Mell 11-1 (5-3-6 £77.22 TC £308.93). 12.42 Swift Zane 4-1 (2-3-4 £15.13). 12.59 Oioiperfectolads 7-1 (6-3-2 £86.14). 1.17 Punk Rock Thief 5-2 (1-3-4 £12.19 TC £54.62). 1.33 Elite Liberty 8-13f (6-1-5 £9.54 TC £20.35). 1.51 Au Revoir 4-1 (4-3-1 £23.51). 2.07 Wastehouse Mix 5-1 (5-1-2 £23.88).

■NEWCASTLE: 2.36 Whitehills Magic 3-1 (1-2-3 BAGS F £11.09). 2.54 Cahermone Best 7-2 (1-6-2 £24.56 TC £118.11). 3.13 Crooks On Fire 10-3 (4-6-3 £32.30 TC £112.21). 3.32 Fahrenheit Eve 3-1 (5-4-6 £26.65 TC £84.57). 3.51 Highview Edge 9-2 (3-2-1 £13.82 TC £30.03). 4.09 Ambers Hero 9-2 (6-3-5 £23.90 TC £45.00). 4.28 Alnwick Toonarmy 7-1 (3-1-6 £28.63 TC £105.98). 4.47 Alnwick Betty 9-2 (4-3-5 £28.52 TC £104.71). 5.06 Whitehills Zoey 4-1 (3-2-1 £21.96 TC £72.40). 5.24 Howay Matteo 11-2 (4-5-3 £19.27 TC £52.54).

■TOWCESTER: 2.23 Pauls Opinion 2-1 (2-3-5 BAGS F £7.04 TC £16.69). 2.41 Stasi 2-1f (6-2-1 £18.25 TC £77.48). 3.01 Salacres Showman 9-4 (3-6-4 £16.85 TC £35.28). 3.19 Dark Lady 4-6f (6-1-2 £3.89 TC £14.83). 3.38 Valkyrie Warrior 16-1 (1-5-2 £58.08 TC £108.76). 3.57 Amka Bruce 4-6f (5-1-2 £3.18 TC £7.53). 4.16 Unknown Path 10-1 (4-5-2 £35.82 TC £84.95). 4.34 Johnie Oh 3-1 (2-1-4 £11.29 TC £28.31). 4.53 Rapido Aria 10-3 (5-2-6 £12.27). 5.12 Burberry Girl 6-5f (1-6-5 £3.97). 5.31 Frankton Poppy 10-11f (6-3-4 £2.51 TC £8.93).

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ALL ACTION . . . De Zerbi feels Tonali is the complete midfielder and will prove himself for Spurs

Sandro's worth a Ton!

DE ZERBI SURE ITALIAN WILL JUSTIFY £100M FEE

WAY TO DRO
SPURS' SUMMER SIGNINGS

Sandro Tonali (Newcastle)	£100m
Matheus Fernandes (West Ham)	£85m
Savio (Manchester City)	£85m
Jan Paul van Hecke (Brighton)	£52m
Omar Marmoush (Manchester City)	LOAN
Andy Robertson (Liverpool)	FREE
Marcos Senesi (Bournemouth)	FREE
Martin Dubravka (Burnley)	FREE

(all fees including add-ons)

Tottenham v Newcastle
5.30pm
sky sports

By TOM BARCLAY

SANDRO TONALI has been backed to justify his whopping £100million price tag as he faces old club Newcastle for the first time since his exit this evening.

The Italian, 26, had a forgettable Tottenham debut in a 3-0 drubbing at Brentford last week – but boss Roberto De Zerbi is certain his compatriot will prove value for money.

RDZ said: "Sandro Tonali's value is that value because he is one of the most important midfielders in the Premier League.

"He received two big offers for two big teams in the Premier League. It's not correct to say the clubs but two big clubs fought with us to bring him and he wanted to come here.

"I heard the fans were very happy for Sandro's signing. We have to accept, like the players we sold, there are players who are sold with a big

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EARN HIS STRIPES . . . Italian ace at his old club Newcastle

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TODAY'S FIXTURES
(3pm unless stated)

- Bournemouth v Everton
- Coventry v Hull City
- Liverpool v Nottm Forest (12.30pm)
- Tottenham v Newcastle (5.30pm)

TOMORROW
(2pm unless stated)

- Chelsea v Brighton
- Leeds v Brentford
- Man Utd v Ipswich (4.30pm)
- Sunderland v Fulham

MONDAY

- Aston Villa v Arsenal (8pm)

TOON ON TOUR

NEWCASTLE have won on three of their last four visits to Tottenham, giving them a total of 13 away wins over the North London side — their most Premier League victories on the road against any opponent.

NEWCASTLE'S MOST PREM AWAY WINS

	PLAYED	WON
Tottenham	31	13
West Ham	28	12
Aston Villa	29	9
Everton	31	8
Leeds	15	7
Leicester	17	7
Fulham	18	7

IT TOOK Anthony Elanga just four minutes to score in Sunday's draw with Liverpool — already more Prem goals than he bagged in the whole of last season, the winger having 17 shots last term without netting.

THE EATALIAN JOB . . . De Zerbi has all the ingredients for a really tasty Tottenham side

COST A PRETTY PENNE

RDZ discusses deals over meal (and he even paid!)

By TOM BARCLAY

ROBERTO DE ZERBI was plotting Tottenham's mission to survive the drop the last time he went out for an Italian meal with colleagues.

On this occasion, the 47-year-old instead spoke of his mission to thrive as he broke ciabatta bread and twizzled spaghetti.

De Zerbi dined with club owners and the power players on Thursday, discussing the final few days of a highly ambitious transfer window.

It mirrored the evening out he had with his squad in April shortly after taking over in a bid to rebuild shattered confidence to aid their scrap to stay in the Premier League.

Tottenham v Newcastle
5.30pm, sky sports

No doubt the mood was far more relaxed this time round given that De Zerbi kept Spurs up and has now been backed with more than **£300MILLION** worth of fresh talent.

On the menu was the subject of one more signing — in addition to **EIGHT** already through the door — as Tottenham bid to finish their summer business with a flourish.

Forward Cody Gakpo *(right)* is the name on every Spurs supporter's lips but it remains to be seen if Liverpool will sell.

Ahead of hosting Newcastle this evening, De Zerbi was asked if he would be happy if the transfer window shut now?

The smiling Italian replied: "Yes, because I didn't expect one transfer market and one window like we have done.

"We can do one player more and in one specific position.

"But yesterday we went for dinner with the owner, with (chief executive) Vinai Venkatesham, with (sporting director) Johan Lange and with (translator) Enrico Venturelli.

"We spoke about this but we have all of us on the same page and there is a very good connection.

"It was an Italian restaurant and I paid. It went very well."

De Zerbi insists he is just a club employee and that Spurs' unprecedented spend this

HE'S WORTH TON

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price and we brought a player with a big, big price. Tonali is still 26. He is not 30.

"If you analyse the transfer market in Premier League, you can see players of 30 years around the price of Sandro.

"So what is the answer? I don't know but the value of Tonali in this transfer market, in this country, in this league, now in 2026 is the price of one of the best midfielders in the Premier League."

Tonali had interest from Manchester City and Arsenal this summer but opted for Spurs where he linked up with De Zerbi. The North Londoners smashed their club-record fee paying Toon an initial £92.5m — and Tonali could become the club's first nine-figure signing.

He is the most expensive outlay in an unprecedented Spurs splurge that totals £304.5m just on initial fees with Omar Marmoush *(left)* the latest in on loan.

And De Zerbi feels Tonali can come good against the club that sold him.

He added: "Sandro is much better than I thought before I worked with him.

"He's a complete midfielder and has the right intensity for the Premier League."

summer is down to the owners' ambition, rather than his own.

But the ex-Brighton boss clearly has serious influence over those running Tottenham – and rightly so after saving them from the drop.

Omar Marmoush is the latest arrival, joining from Manchester City initially on loan but with a £60m fee guaranteed next summer.

The Egyptian striker could even start against Toon along with fellow new boys Sandro Tonali (£92.5m, rising to £100m), Savio (£75m), Mateus Fernandes (£85m) and Jan Paul van Hecke (£52m).

Add in three freebies in Andy Robertson, Marcos Senesi and Martin Dubravka, plus lucrative new deals for Micky van de Ven and Pedro Porro, and the goal is clear.

Never again do Spurs want to flirt with oblivion, after back-to-back 17th-placed finishes but instead return to the top of the English game.

Everyone in a position of power at the club appears to be aligned in that target – or so De Zerbi suggested.

He added: "There is seriously a great relationship with all of them.

"I'm not pushing . . . really it's the first time in my career I didn't push to complete the squad.

"They pushed to build the top players. Johan Lange was brilliant in terms of ideas to make solutions.

"Also Vinai. I remember when we closed Tonali and he made a video call to me when I was on holiday and he had a big smile, very happy."

But it is De Zerbi's task to gel all this fresh blood together.

And judging by the 3-0 horror-show opening-day defeat at London rivals Brentford, it may be a long process.

But RDZ is confident the club have recruited players that are not only talented but are clever, too – like Marmoush.

The former Marseille boss added: "He's a very smart player. He understands football like a coach.

"We need all his qualities because we do not have qualities like him in our squad. He was the perfect player.

"He can play as a central striker.

"He is a different No10 than Conor Gallagher or James Maddison, more of an attacker but he is a quality player." De Zerbi now has an embarrassment of riches – especially when long-term injured players like attacker Dejan Kulusevski, 26, return to the fold.

The Spurs boss hinted it could not be too long before the Swede, who has been out since May last year with a kneecap issue, comes back.

Asked if he would like to include Kulusevski in his Prem squad, De Zerbi replied: "I would like to, yes.

"If he feels good, like now, he's improving day by day. It's great watching him during the season and also because he deserves it because he suffered too much for his career for his age, for his level of human.

"I'm not speaking of him as a player but as a human.

"He deserves to stay inside of the list."

PAYING TOTT DOLLAR . . . new £75m winger Savio (centre) and £85m midfielder Mateus Fernandes are part of a £300m outlay by Spurs boss Roberto De Zerbi

Cut him no slack like Isak

MATTHIAS JAISSLE will have no complaints if the Toon Army give ex-Newcastle midfielder Sandro Tonali "the Isak treatment" at Tottenham.

By IAN MURTAGH

St James's Park's cauldron of hate clearly affected Liverpool striker Alexander Isak on his return to this old stamping ground.

While Magpies boss Jaissle *(left)* would never encourage fans to boo an opposition player, he knows how influential the crowd was in last week's 2-2 draw.

Tonali's summer exit was less acrimonious than Isak's 12 months earlier but he can still expect an ear-bashing from the away end this evening.

Jaissle said: "I'm aware he was a really important player here and he's a huge signing for Tottenham.

"It's always nice to face old team-mates so there should be special motivation.

"That worked against Isak so hopefully it will work for us on Saturday."

After overseeing a 3-2 Carabao Cup win over West Brom in midweek, Jaissle faces his first away game as Newcastle boss. He said: "I need to be honest and say I like playing at home with our fanbase but we will look to do the same job away.

"We will not change the approach. With our DNA and our playing style, we can cause any opponent problems.

"Many things have changed at Spurs – that makes preparation more tricky."

Nico Gonzalez is set for his Toon debut after sealing a £52million move from Manchester City this week.

Jaissle said: "He looks sharp in training. Nico is a smart player, has huge potential and brings quality into the squad."

QUESTION OF Sun SPORT

Compiled by Russell Lanning

MISSING LINKS

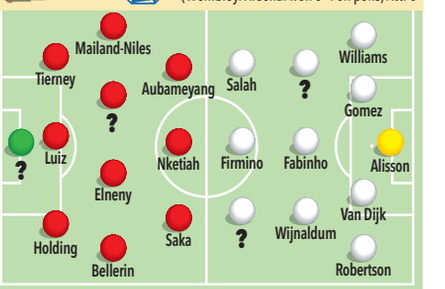
CAN you identify the missing players from the Community Shield game played on this day during six years ago during the Covid restrictions?

AUG 29 2020 — COMMUNITY SHIELD

ARSENAL .....(1) 1
Aubameyang 12

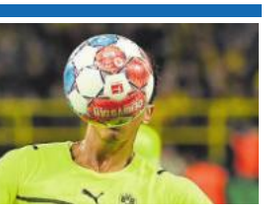
LIVERPOOL .....(0) 1
Minamino 73

(Wembley. Arsenal won 5-4 on pens) Att: 0



BALLPARK FIGURE

Who is our player obstructed by the ball in 2021?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA....

18

18 today, but who is our mystery birthday boy?

Clue 1: I moved between two "Big Six" clubs when I was aged 15.

Clue 2: I made my international debut this year, the fifth youngest player and 1,300th in history.

Clue 3: My first Prem goal was my club's latest ever Prem winner - and I later became the youngest player to score at my club's famous stadium.

PIC 'N MIX

Can you work out our Premier League defender by the picture clues?

Sun FUN

HERE'S our tribute to Dolly Parton after the country music icon sadly died.

DOLLY XI

TEAM: Blonde Wig-an

ANSWERS: MISSING LINKS: Arsenal: Emi Martinez/Granit Xhaka. Liverpool - James Milner/Sadio Mane. BALLPARK FIGURE: Jude Bellingham. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA: Rio Ngumoha. PIC 'N MIX: Antonee Robinson.

REWIND

MAY 7 1984

42 YEARS AGO

By RUSSELL OSMAN

DIVISION ONE

MAN UTD	(1) 1
Hughes 26	
IPSWICH	(0) 2
D'Avray 47	
Sunderland 87	

(Old Trafford)
Att: 44,257

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FORMER defender RUSSELL OSMAN turns back the clock to 1984 when he was part of the Ipswich side who came back from 1-0 down at half-time at Manchester United to win 2-1.

Osman, 67, made 385 appearances for Town (1977-85) and was part of their Uefa Cup success in 1981. He also won 11 England caps (1980-83).

Stats amazing

IT was no surprise that it was Alan Sunderland who popped up with three minutes left to score our winning goal.

That more or less made sure we were mathematically safe in this penultimate game of the season.

I was absolutely delighted when we signed him on loan three months earlier from Arsenal as I always found him one of the most difficult opponents when he was at Wolves and with the Gunners.

Whether he played in an attacking midfield role or as a frontman, he had that sixth sense to be in the right place and make it very awkward to track him.

In one of the most amazing current statistics, I was reminded that this fixture was the last time Manchester United lost a home game when leading at half-time.

It's quite a staggering ongoing fact.

But at the time all we cared about was the second-half goals from Mich d'Avray and Alan that gave us the three points that made us safe, having gone unbeaten in our previous five matches before the trip to Old Trafford – winning three.

Alan had assisted Mich's equaliser, then the two swapped roles, with a d'Avray header across goal giving our winning hero Sunderland *(right)* a simple task of tapping in.

Everything had changed at Ipswich after manager Bobby Robson left two years earlier to become England boss.

The club was going through a transitional period. I could reel off so many of the stars who moved on, so we were adapting with a new group of young players.

I'm pretty sure this was the game at Old Trafford in which I was captain and our manager Bobby Ferguson and I swapped team sheets with opposite numbers Bryan Robson and Ron Atkinson.

Bobby then looked down the United team sheet and started having a go at some of their players in the dressing room – saying Remi Moses wasn't good enough, blah, blah, blah.

MARK OUT OF TEN . . . our report and (left) United scorer Hughes

The problem was it wasn't until he looked up and realised he was actually in the United changing room and talking out loud in front of their side!

It was the best motivational speech for those United players and I'm still stunned that we somehow managed to win the game.

Fast forward 42 years and I was delighted to see that my old club won their opener last Saturday against Sunderland to start with three points.

How often do you see teams after the first month of the season without a win where the next game becomes even more stressful? You don't want to be one of those sides. Two seasons ago – in the club's first season back in the top flight for 22 years – the opening two games were against Liverpool and Manchester City.

After losing both and conceding six goals, it made life difficult.

I'm hoping this season will be different as it ended up in relegation back to the Championship then.

Even though it's Manchester United away today and Liverpool next week, it follows a longer-than-usual World Cup tournament where several of the players with the bigger clubs are coming back and it's taking them time to adjust. I hope anyway!

I'm extremely proud that Ipswich are back in the top flight again.

In each and every pre-season, one of the first things you do when the new fixtures are out is see who you have an opening day, then on Boxing Day – and when you are playing at Old Trafford and Anfield.

This trip to Manchester has come around quickly but hopefully the confidence of the opening-day win and the fact United have extra pressure after losing their first game at Hull makes it a fascinating fixture.

Interview: RUSSELL LANNING

'MAN OF THE MOMENT . . . Osman stars for Ipswich

400

INCREDIBLY, Manchester United have not lost any of their last 400 home league games when leading at half-time at Old Trafford – recording 365 wins and 35 draws.

The last team to beat them was Ipswich in this game in 1984.

HOW TOP-FLIGHT LOOKED ON MAY 7, 1984

Pos	Team	Pld	GD	Pts
1	Liverpool (1)	40	+41	78
2	MAN UTD (4)	40	+32	73
3	QPR (5)	41	+32	73
4	Southampton (2)	39	+24	70
5	Nottm Forest (3)	40	+28	68
6	Arsenal (6)	41	+15	63
7	West Ham (9)	40	+7	60
8	Tottenham (8)	41	-1	60
9	Aston Villa (10)	41	-1	60
10	Everton (7)	40	-1	56
11	Watford (11)	41	-10	54
12	Leicester (15)	41	-1	51
13	Luton (16)	41	-10	51
14	Norwich (14)	40	0	50
15	IPSWICH (12)	41	-3	50
16	Sunderland (13)	41	-13	49
17	West Brom (17)	40	-15	48
18	Birmingham (20)	41	-11	47
19	Coventry (19)	41	-21	47
20	Stoke (18)	41	-23	47
21	Notts Co (21)	40	-20	40
22	Wolves (22)	41	-49	29

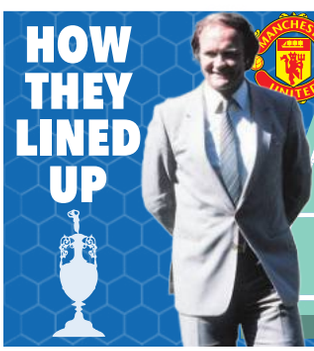
(Final positions in brackets)

TOP-FLIGHT RESULTS

MONDAY, MAY 7, 1984

ARSENAL	(2) 3	WEST HAM	(3) 3
Talbot 15		Whitton 3, 44	
Woodcock 42		Hilton 36	
Mariner 74		(Highbury, 33,347)	
ASTON VILLA	(0) 0	EVERTON	(0) 2
		Richardson 67	
(Villa Park, 16,792)		Sharp 72	
LIVERPOOL	(2) 5	COVENTRY	(0) 0
Rush 43, 45, 57, 81			
Hansen 71		(Anfield, 33,393)	
LUTON	(0) 0	STOKE	(1) 1
		Painter 4	
(Kenilworth Road, 9,867)			
MAN UTD	(1) 1	IPSWICH	(0) 2
Hughes 26		D'Avray 47	
(Old Trafford, 44,287)		Sunderland 87	
NORWICH	(0) 1	BIRMINGHAM	(0) 1
Watson 47		Gayle 87	
(Carrow Road 13,601)			
NOTTM FOREST	(3) 5	WATFORD	(0) 1
Atkinson 3 (og)		Johnson 80	
Hodge 11			
Davenport 23, 55			
Bowyer 61		(City Ground, 13,732)	
QPR	(0) 1	WEST BROM	(0) 1
Fereday 81		Thompson 72	
(Loftus Road, 14,418)			
SOUTHAMPTON	(2) 5	TOTTENHAM	(0) 0
Puckett 27			
D Wallace 39, 67			
Armstrong 73, 80		(The Dell, 21,141)	
SUNDERLAND	(0) 0	NOTTS COUNTY	(0) 0
(Roker Park, 14,517)			
WOLVES	(1) 1	LEICESTER	(0) 0
Smith 5			
(Molineux, 7,405)			

HOW THEY LINED UP



MANAGER: RON ATKINSON MANAGER: BOBBY FERGUSON

Rush Woodcock Wallace

CHERRIES RE-BOURN . . . Rose's squad have not been able to play on the Vitality Stadium pitch as it is upgraded for their first foray into European football *Inset pics: GRAHAM NICKLESS*

NO GROUNDS FOR CONCERN

Rose building up to home debut

By GRAHAM NICKLESS

EVERTON'S David Moyes travels to Bournemouth today knowing the Vitality Stadium better than the hosts' German boss Marco Rose does.

Rose, 49, took a first look at his new home on Thursday – just 48 hours before he leads his team out against the Toffees.

Summer building work on the Prem's smallest stadium has stopped Rose and his squad from playing on the new pitch, which has been raised to meet Europa League standards.

Workers were yesterday scrambling to apply the finishing touches and the Prem's smallest ground up to scratch for today's match.

But Rose insisted Moyes – who has led Preston, Sunderland, West Ham and Everton from the away dugout at the Vitality – will not have any advantage over him.

He said: "I experience playing in a new stadium for the first time many times this season.

"I am not worried about having no experience playing here because at the end it's about winning the game.

"But the most important thing is that I have players that are experienced and have won many games in our stadium."

B'mouth v Everton

3pm

Bournemouth have not lost on home soil since a 3-2 defeat by Arsenal early last January – which sparked their impressive unbeaten 18-match Prem run.

Manchester City's 2-1 comeback victory on Sunday was the Cherries' first league defeat for 232 days!

But Rose *(right)* cannot wait to make up for that when he meets Moyes again.

He added: "I admire him and I met him already, yeah, many years ago.

"He came to Salzburg when I was a coach there. He was without a job and he came with his brother to watch the training and have a chat. We wrote two or three times when he was asking about a player.

"But now we are in touch again and I'm looking forward to it.

"Everton have started really well and we try to compete on a fair level.

"But at the end, every one of us tries to win the game."

That may well be difficult against a team managed by Moyes, who has lost just once in ten top-flight meetings with the Cherries.

Former Salzburg, Monchengladbach, Dortmund and Leipzig boss Rose is working in England for the first time.

And despite his opening day defeat at the Etihad Stadium he loved every minute of the experience.

He said: "For me, it was a pleasure and it was an honour to become a Premier League coach. You feel how big the league is, how important it is to everyone, not just here in this country, all over the world.

"You feel the intensity of the league and the power.

"That's what I really appreciate and what I like.

"And I learned from my team that we are competitive even in these kinds of games.

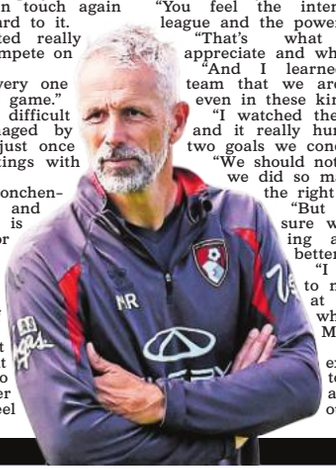
"I watched the game again and it really hurt to see the two goals we conceded.

"We should not have lost as we did so many things in the right way.

"But I'm quite sure we are learning and will do better next time.

"I cannot wait to meet the fans at home after what I felt in Manchester.

"I am very excited to get to know the atmosphere in our home."



BARRY . . . feeling good

Toffees' Thierno raises the Barr

By KEN LAWRENCE

DAVID MOYES praised the Thierno Barry's new mindset, which has made him a smash hit.

The French striker netted his first Everton hat-trick in Wednesday's 4-0 Carabao Cup win over Preston.

Barry, 23, was also on target as the Toffees beat Crystal Palace 2-0 in their first Premier League match of the season.

After only two games of the new campaign, he has reached half the total he had in 38 outings last term following his £27million arrival from Villarreal.

It took him five months to hit the net and during his struggles Barry often looked close to tears.

But he spent all summer working with a sports psychologist and the results have been spectacular.

Boss Moyes said: "He's looked at himself.

"You have to give the boy credit because he's tried to improve himself and that's what you have to do.

"We try to give him confidence like we do all the players but sometimes you have to get it yourself.

"Centre-forwards judge a lot of their confidence by goals, getting in the right positions, and the last couple of games will have really helped him."

Barry said of his pre-season self-help: "I was just trying to work on my confidence and this summer is the first time I had two weeks where I didn't touch the ball.

"I just focused on my mindset because the first season was really hard.

"When I start to touch the ball, I want to do it with confidence, because I know I can play — now I need to show it."

Moyes will still be without Christian Norgaard, bought from Arsenal for £7m, for today's visit to Bournemouth.

The Danish midfielder, 32, arrived with a muscle injury and Moyes revealed: "Christian is still not making great progress. We're probably not going to get him back quickly."

CHERRIES PICK

BOURNEMOUTH'S HIGHEST PREM WIN RATE

	P	Win rate
Fulham	10	60%
EVERTON	18	50%
Leicester	14	42.9%
Brighton	14	42.9%
Wolves	12	41.7%

(Minimum 10 matches played)

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Success is not Far off

DANIEL FARKE says Leeds' long-suffering fans can start to dream of a return to former glories.

By ROSS HEPPENSTALL

This is just the Whites' **FIFTH** Premier League season since 2004 but they finished 14th and reached an FA Cup semi-final last term.

Following back-to-back wins at Nottingham Forest in the league and Carabao Cup, Farke *(right)* is confident the good times will continue to roll.

The Elland Road boss said: "We have an unbelievably emotional, passionate and huge fanbase.

"They're second to none and if you want to be successful here then you have to handle that.

"This club suffered for a long time – decades even – and our fans have waited for times like these for so long.

"Now they should perhaps get a bit excited, dream big, be full of optimism.

"I just have to make sure that it doesn't affect how we work.

"But I don't want our supporters to change one bit, they deserve these good times."

Leeds will host Brentford tomorrow with Farke keen to bolster his squad further.

The German has splashed the clash this summer and brought in Tarik Muharemovic, James Trafford, Nico Elvedi and Harry Wilson.

Leeds goalkeeper Lucas Perri is joining Torino on loan while Eintracht Frankfurt's Michael Zetterer will replace him as No2.

Yet Farke added: "I'm pleased with our signings but we definitely want to improve the squad further in a few positions."

Leeds v Brentford

Tomorrow, 2pm, sky sports

Good place to Bee now

KEITH ANDREWS says Brentford are in a "good place" — following their electric start to the new season.

By JAKE SANDERS

But the Bees boss *(below)* knows they cannot let their standards slip if they want to continue firing at Leeds tomorrow.

Brentford have scored **NINE** goals in their first two games, following up the 3-0 win over Tottenham in the Prem by hitting Birmingham for six in the Carabao Cup.

They have never started a Prem campaign with two wins.

And Andrews, 45, said: "The boys are in a good place. We've worked really hard to get into that place.

"But the game gives you absolutely nothing – you've got to go on and earn it.

"That will be no different on Sunday.

"We'll come up against a really good side – competitive, aggressive – and Elland Road brings its own challenges."

The Bees only missed out on Europe on goal difference in Andrews' first season as a manager.

He has been heavily backed in the transfer market with El Hadji Malick Diouf's arrival taking their summer spend past £100million.

Andrews added: "Last season was one of stabilisation, of regrouping and building a new team, new dynamics and trust.

"We got there and this season's slightly different.

"We've a really good foundation and added some really good players that give us that depth to freshen things up and look after players – but it doesn't change the outlook to keep pushing."

942

Coventry and Hull clashed last season in the Championship and face each other for the first time in the top-flight today – the 942nd different Premier League fixture and 1,454th in top division history

IT'S HIST

Boss warns stars on home F

By GRAHAM HILL

FRANK LAMPARD knows Coventry will create a slice of history today — but is refusing to hand out Premier League 'gifts' to his players.

Coventry v Hull

3pm

Sky Blues host a top-flight game for the first time in 25 years when they take on Hull.

Back in 2001, Cov were already relegated when they drew 0-0 with Bradford in front of 20,299 at their old Highfield Road ground.

The club moved home four years later to what is now called Coventry Building Society Arena where a crowd of around 30,000 will create a unique atmosphere to the tunes of local band The Enemy.

But the reality on the field is that boss Lampard *(right)* has a chance to get Coventry's first points on the board against last season's Championship play-off winners after a sobering 3-0 defeat at champions Arsenal last week.

And Lamps, 48, has made it clear the emotion of the occasion is not on the agenda and there will be no sentiment shown to his second-tier title-winning squad. The Sky Blues boss, who made nine signings this summer, said: "You have to understand the human side of it is that the players that maybe got us here want to now show they can do it in the Premier League.

"There's also a brutal reality to that, where you have to understand the competitive nature of the squad has changed.

"And whether you were here before, or whether you're new into the team you just have to compete at a level that's going to make us better. The players have to understand that.

"I'm not here to give gifts of Premier League games to players unless they compete and show that they're ready to play in the league. That's maybe a slightly different feeling to last season which was incredible.

"I'm not sure any of us in our individual careers may have that feeling of what we then. It was a real sweet spot of a s tight-knit squad that wasn't expected t automatically promoted.

"We won the league by 11 points. It was but it's not always going to be that good."

Lampard admits that atmosphere cr by the home fans can boost his side's cha of staying up this season.

After a quarter of a century of lo two ground shares at Birmingham and N ampton as well as dropping all the way into League Two – the Sky Blues boss v to take make the most of feel-good facto

He said: "This is a particularly exc game because it's the first one back here

"After 25 years and how our supporters I expect them to be electric for every ga

"Our fans will always give that, it's ste built and has been amazing.

"But we have to do our part and suppo generally will always react to energy, pa and a competitive nature.

"Of course, we have to be realistic abou difficulties we may have in certain mom

"But it's in those moments where we've

FLASHBACK

MAY 19 2001 — Highfield Road Att: 20,299

Cov's last home Prem game - 9,233 days ago

COVENTRY ..... (0) 0	BRADFORD ..... (0) 0
COVENTRY: Kirkland, Shaw, Williams, Edworthy, Quinn, Carsley, Chippo, Strachan, Hadji, Hartson, Zunga. Manager: Gordon Strachan	BRADFORD: Davison, Jacobs, Myers, Halle, Nolan, Locke, McCall, Whalley, Blake, Carbone, Ward. Manager: Jim Jefferies

HEAVEN 'N HULL

FRANK LAMPARD has never lost to Hull in eight previous managerial meetings, the most he has faced any opponent without defeat.

LAMPARD BOSS RECORD v HULL

DERBY		
Aug 28, 2018*	Away	W 4-0
Sep 1, 2018	Away	W 2-1
Feb 9, 2019	Home	W 2-0
CHELSEA		
Jan 25, 2020**	Away	W 2-1
COVENTRY		
Dec 14, 2024	Home	W 2-1
Apr 14, 2025	Away	D 1-1
Aug 9, 2025	Home	D 0-0
Apr 6, 2026	Away	D 0-0

All league, except *League Cup/**FA Cup

HOME COMFORTS

THE home team has won six of the last eight games in the Prem between two promoted sides (D1 L1) — having won just five of the previous 26 (D6 L15).

LAST EIGHT PREM GAMES BETWEEN PROMOTED CLUBS

May 3, 2025	LEICESTER 2 Southampton 0
May 18, 2025	LEICESTER 2 Ipswich 0
Aug 23, 2025	BURNLEY 2 Sunderland 0
Oct 18, 2025	BURNLEY 2 Leeds 0
Dec 28, 2025	Sunderland 1 Leeds 1
Feb 2, 2026	SUNDERLAND 3 Burnley 0
Mar 3, 2026	Leeds 0 Sunderland 1
May 1, 2026	LEEDS 3 Burnley 1

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Prem return

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able to rely very well on our fans over the period of time."

Lampard has added some Premier League experience in the shape of forward Taiwo Awoniyi, 29, from Nottingham Forest, and Brentford defender Ethan Pinnock, 33, who joined this week.

And he says their know-how will be crucial if Coventry are to survive.

Lampard said: "When the stakes go up, the level goes up. With the different tests that we're going to get, I like the idea of people who have seen different aspects of the Premier League before. It's helpful.

"Players like Taiwo and Ethan have longevity and there's a reason for that.

"It's because they look after themselves, they train well, they understand the demands and if they can pass that on through their experiences, then great.

"So it's helpful to the younger players to see that day in and day out.

"Having played in competitive squads, I want the reaction of a player to be, 'Oh, you brought him in, let me show I'm better than him'. And that has to be the mentality."

JAK'S BIG MISSION

By JAKE SANDERS

HULL boss Sergej Jakirovic is still desperate to prove "everyone wrong" — despite their stunning opening-day 2-0 victory over Manchester United.

The newly promoted Tigers are the bookies' favourites to finish bottom of the Premier League on their return to the top flight and many believe they are certain to go straight back down.

Hull beat the Red Devils for the first time in the Prem last Saturday.

And that victory at the MKM Stadium came just days after former West Ham stars Joe Cole and Carlton Cole mocked their survival chances.

Today they travel to fellow promoted team Coventry, who romped to the Championship title last season.

Bosnian boss Jakirovic, 49, said: "It is a great motivation for me that I can show my potential and we can be competitive and play against much bigger teams.

"We want to prove everybody wrong and that we are on a good track. That is good motivation.

"We are underdogs. We spent £144million in the transfer market. Who is close to us?

"Even Coventry spent £260m to £270m. It's normal, but still, money doesn't play.

"I never see money scoring the goal — it is players. As a team, we can be dangerous and competitive."

INITIALLY SPEAKING K

PLAYERS WITH SURNAMES BEGINNING WITH 'K' WITH MOST GAMES IN PREM

HERE are this week's serial thrillers - our Special K - the top 15 players with surnames starting with 'K' who have played the most games in Premier League history. With only their initials as clues, try and identify all 15 and then solve our main question and send it to us for a chance to be a winner!

Q Of the players below, who has picked up the fewest Prem yellow cards (8)?

Let us know the name of that player by Thursday. Send your entry to sportsquiz-sm@the-sun.co.uk for a chance to win £50. (Winner's bank details will be required).

PLAYER	PREM GAMES
R K	366
R K	349
P K	347
G K	325
K K	325
M K	323
H K	320
C K	291
J K	290
M K	286
Z K	284
H K	274
K	273
L K	268
V K	265

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Ene Nixon, Lutterworth.
LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: Michael Kayode.
LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS: Virgil van Dijk, James Garner, Jarrod Bowen, Adrien Truffert, Nikola Milenkovic, Elliot Anderson, James Tarkowski, Marcos Senesi, Morgan Rogers, Igor Thiago, Michael Kayode, Tyrick Mitchell, Dominik Szoboszlai, Luke Shaw, Jan Paul van Hecke.

Alvaro Ful of aggression

By IAN MURTAGH

ALVARO ARBELOA wants Fulham to be "very aggressive" at the Stadium of Light tomorrow.

Arbeloa's reign as Cottagers boss started with Monday's 3-2 home defeat by Chelsea in the Premier League.

But they bounced back three days later with a comprehensive 3-0 victory over Wimbledon in the Carabao Cup second round.

Sunderland also suffered defeat in their season opener, losing 2-1 at promoted Ipswich.

The Black Cats will be backed by their vocal fans for the Londoners' visit to Wearside.

And Arbeloa *(inset)*, 43, who played at the Stadium of Light on two occasions for Liverpool, said: "We know away games are always very difficult in the Premier League, so we need to play with the same character and mentality, we did at home – but it won't be easy.

"When you play away, it's always difficult because of the atmosphere and the home team feel the confidence and they want to play in front of their fans.

"So, to play the way we want to play, we need to do very well, be very aggressive.

"They have players with a lot of quality but we are so, so ambitious.

"Now, the only thing we want is to improve every day, keep working and we will see where we are in May."

Meanwhile, Sunderland's in-demand keeper Robin Roefs has committed his long-term future to the club.

The 23-year-old Holland international gained a host of admirers with some fine performances in his debut Prem season last term, following an £11.5million move from Dutch side NEC Nijmegen.

And he revealed the Black Cats' ambition convinced him to put pen to paper on a contract extension that will keep him at the Stadium of Light until 2031.

Roefs, who was in the Dutch World Cup squad, said: "Sunderland has felt like home from the moment I arrived.

"Last season was incredible, finishing seventh and qualifying for Europe.

"But we all feel there's much more to come from this squad.

"I'm really excited about playing my part in the bright future of this club."

Striker Wilson Isidor, 26, and winger Romaine Mundle, 23, also signed new deals.

Boss Regis Le Bris, 50, said: "We believe this group has strong potential. They trust the process and it wasn't difficult to convince them to sign."

Sunderland have spent just £32.6m on three players so far.

But Le Bris is confident there will be more recruits before the transfer window shuts on Tuesday.

The Frenchman added: "I'm focused on the Fulham game but trust the recruitment staff.

"We are working hard behind the scenes on the targets we need to get better as a team.

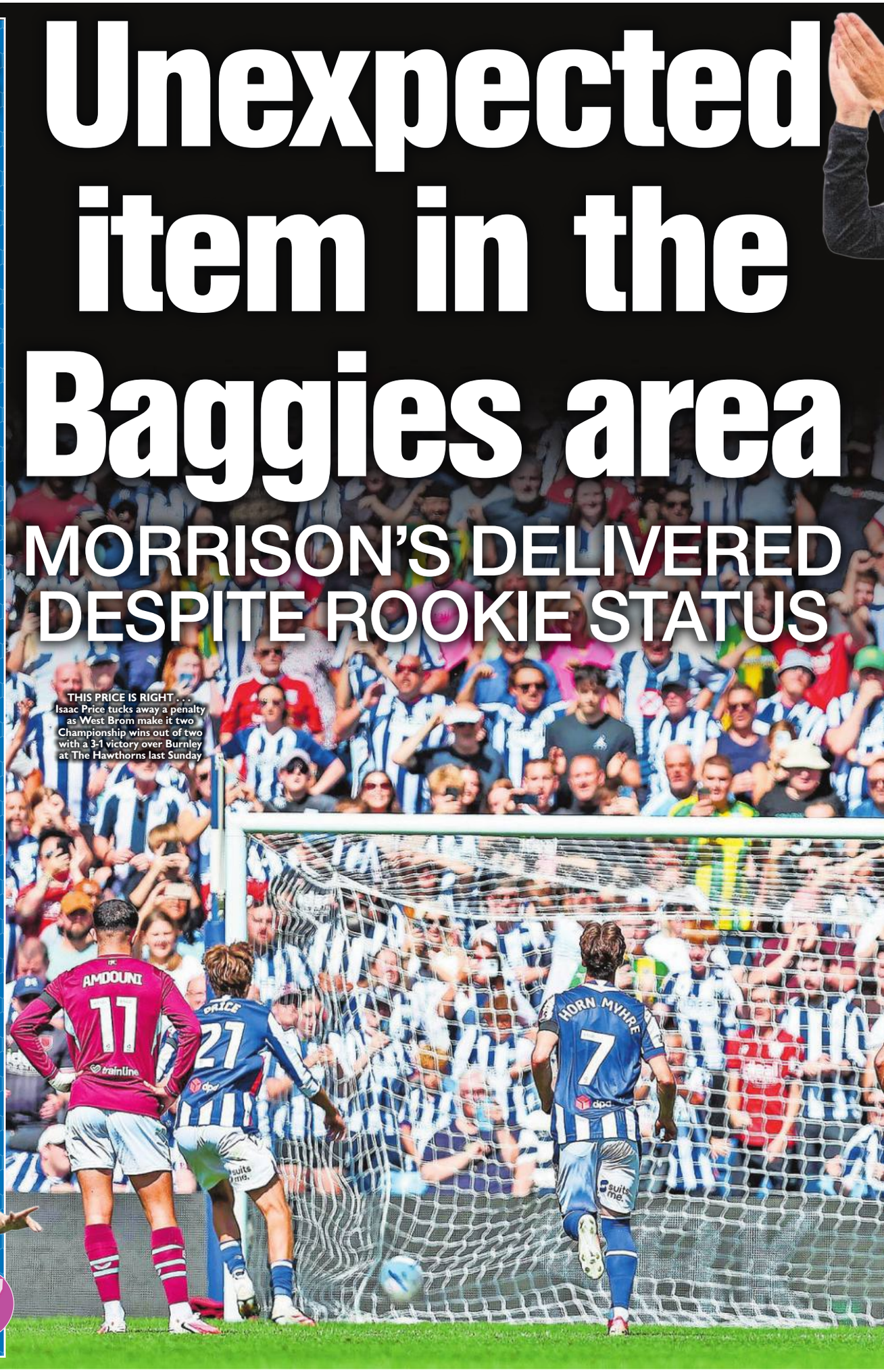
"I still think we will succeed in the transfer window."

Sunderland v Fulham

Tomorrow, 2pm, sky sports

Unexpected item in the Baggies area

MORRISON'S DELIVERED DESPITE ROOKIE STATUS



THIS PRICE IS RIGHT . . . Isaac Price tucks away a penalty as West Brom make it two Championship wins out of two with a 3-1 victory over Burnley at The Hawthorns last Sunday

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CHAMPIONSHIP

TODAY'S FIXTURES

(3pm unless stated)

Blackburn	QPR
Bolton	Lincoln
Bristol City	Portsmouth
Cardiff	Sheff Utd
Charlton	Preston
Derby	Swansea (12.30pm)
Middlesbro	West Brom (12.30pm)
Norwich	Burnley
Southampton	Millwall
Watford	West Ham
Wolves	Stoke (12.30pm)

ONE'S NO FUN

SINCE back-to-back Prem victories in October, Burnley have won just one of their last 31 league games — the fewest of any ever-present league side.

FEWEST LEAGUE WINS SINCE NOVEMBER 1

	P	W
BURNLEY	31	1
Sheffield Wednesday	36	2
Northampton	34	4
Wolves	31	4
Rotherham	35	5
Tottenham	30	5
Crawley	34	6
AFC Wimbledon	34	7
Gillingham	34	7
Port Vale	34	7

(Ever-present League teams only)

KEEPING IT CLEAN

BRISTOL CITY have kept five clean sheets in their last six meetings against Portsmouth (W3 D2).

BRISTOL CITY'S LAST SIX v PORTSMOUTH

Aug 20, 2011	Home	D0-0
Mar 17, 2012	Away	D0-0
Dec 7, 2024	Away	L3-0
Dec 29, 2024	Home	W3-0
Nov 29, 2025	Away	W1-0
Jan 1, 2026	Home	W5-0

NONE of the last 17 in the league between QPR (6 wins) and Blackburn (11) have ended level, since a 1-1 draw in 2016 when Tjaronn Chery netted for Hoops with Sam Gallagher (right) getting Rovers' leveller.

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HAND IT TO BAGGIES . . . Morrison applauds the West Brom fans after their narrow defeat at Newcastle

JAMES MORRISON has picked the brains of old heads Tony Mowbray, Steve Clarke, Tony Pulis and Sam Allardyce.

But he goes back to face his former club Middlesbrough today insisting that – young, untried manager or not – he was the **ONLY** one who could have saved West Brom from the drop into League One.

Morrison has every reason to make that claim, too.

Having pulled off a miracle after Ryan Mason then Eric Ramsay were sacked last season, the Baggies have made a storming start in the Championship with two wins out of two and as well as giving Newcastle a Carabao Cup fright in midweek.

They lost 3-2 to Harvey Barnes' late strike after producing another exciting display, suggesting the 40-year-old was born to be a top boss.

Not that he actually thinks that despite what was achieved in a ten-game unbeaten run after taking over with Albion third bottom of the table.

And they stayed up despite being deducted two points for breaking Profit and Sustainability Rules.

Today's meeting with home-town club Boro – where he came through the academy as an attacking midfielder – will be his 20th game either as an interim or full-time boss. And he has won eight of those and lost only three.

He knew right from the start he needed help, as he battled to save Albion, who he first joined as a player for £1.5million in 2007. So he turned to some of the managers he had worked under.

Morrison, who won 46 Scotland caps and in 2023 joined Clarke's

EXCLUSIVE
By KEN LAWRENCE

Tartan Army as an assistant coach, stressed: "I'd have been stupid not diving into my contacts, those I've played under or spoken to.

"Tony Mowbray was in charge when I went to West Brom and that season we won the Championship playing some great stuff.

"I had three years under Tony Pulis, I was the Under-21s coach when Big Sam made me his assistant because I'd only just retired as a player and he wanted someone who knew the squad and how the club worked.

"I enjoyed my time with Steve Clarke, too, looking at football from an entirely different side at international level. And all of them have been great to me."

In one of the great ironies of football Morrison became caretaker at West Brom after Mowbray – a former Middlesbrough player and manager – was sacked in April last year having returned to The Hawthorns for a second time.

Morrison added: "That wasn't a nice situation. I really wanted Tony to succeed because he's such a great bloke. But from that day I didn't believe that down the line I might actually go on to be what I am now.

"I never thought I was ready and seeing Tony leave I could see how stressful management could be."

Mowbray is now back at Blackburn for a second spell and Morrison added: "He's given me plenty of advice – I've spoken to him loads of times.

"Tony has time for everybody. The others have been great, too.

"All the advice I've had from them has been different on certain situations – what their thoughts were such as start of pre-season, end of pre-season.

"Tony Pulis, for instance, is all about the clean sheets.

"I've taken a lot from the conversations and I even reach out to other managers in a similar situation to me last year and the year before.

"It's all helped to fast-track my education because a lot of the time I'm learning on the job.

"But I'm my own man, as well. One of the bonuses I had coming in was that I'd been here so long. I know the players, I know how the club functions, what the fans want.

"I felt at the time I was the right man for the job and I still do.

"I don't think anyone else could have done what I did, actually.

"That was due to where the club was and the connection I had with the fans and could relate to what they and everybody inside were thinking.

"I said at the start I thought I was the only man for the job and I believe that more than ever now – not that the likes of Tony Mowbray or Tony Pulis haven't warned me it can all go wrong quickly."

TWO OF CLUBS . . . Morrison played for Boro (left) and Albion

GIVING THEM SOMETHING

MORRISON'S CAREER

PLAYER	Games	Goals
2003-07 Middlesbrough	97	8
2007-19 West Brom	341	39
2008-17 Scotland	46	3

MANAGER	Games	Win rate
2025 West Brom (interim)	2	50%
2026 West Brom (interim)	1	0%
2026- West Brom	16	44%

PEP'S PUPIL . . . Charles' passing ability is straight out of the school of Guardiola

PIERCE PASSES HIS TEST

PIERCE CHARLES has already convinced QPR team-mate Harvey Vale that he can be a game-changer this season.

By CHARLIE GORDON

The on-loan goalkeeper's Manchester City pedigree has shone through in his early weeks at Loftus Road, with his Ederson-like distribution opening up new possibilities for Julien Stephan's team.

Charles, 21, returned to City for £3million this summer – having spent time in their academy prior to joining Sheffield Wednesday, where he made his senior breakthrough.

Already Northern Ireland's No1, the young stopper has been loaned back to the Championship so that he can continue to play first-team matches.

And Hoops midfielder Vale, 22, can already feel the uplift it has brought to the side.

He said: "He's a massive part of how we build up from the back.

"You can see his technique with both feet – finding full-backs, finding No10s, whatever it is.

"He's a big part of how we play and he's been really good for us."

Charles has been relentless with his long and short passes, and fearless when stepping out of his area to get involved with the build-up during QPR's first two league games.

Not everything came off. But boss Stephan "loves" his bravery and wants the rest of his players – most of them several years older – to follow suit.

The Frenchman said: "The first observation with Pierce, even though we knew him before, was his outstanding distribution on the pitch, and we want to use that.

"It's not only that, I love his personality.

"Sometimes we succeed, sometimes not, but we continue and he continues to do the same thing. I love that.

"Mistakes are part of football, no problem, be brave and keep going.

"This is the mentality we want to develop this season with all players.

"For sure, he will have a great career."

Signings like Charles are part of the reason some punters have QPR down as play-off dark horses.

Former Premier League players Dennis Cirkin and Tariq Lamptey have also strengthened the squad and both made their debuts last weekend against Bolton.

Both will be eager to join Charles in the starting line-up at Blackburn this afternoon, where Vale wants to see another gutsy performance.

The Republic of Ireland star admitted: "It's never easy going there.

"We've got to believe in ourselves and play with balls. We know we can beat any team in this league if the performance levels are there."

JWP SAINTS RETURN JOY

JAMES WARD-PROWSE says his second coming at Southampton is "special".

Saints re-signed their former captain in a deal worth just under £1million.

Midfielder Ward-Prowse, 31, played 410 times for the South Coast club before joining West Ham for £30m in 2023.

And JWP — who started at St Mary's aged eight — confessed: "It feels a bit surreal, the last couple of days have been pretty intense.

"But I am delighted to be back and to be wearing the red and white again is truly special. It's the place I call home, having come through the academy, and it was an incredible journey up until the point I left.

"But home is a special place and I always had it in the back of my mind that it was somewhere I wanted to be."

Ward-Prowse's 55 goals for Saints includes 17 in the Premier League direct from free-kicks — which is one behind David Beckham's English top-flight record.

By PHIL CADDEN

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LEAGUE ONE

TODAY'S FIXTURES

(3pm unless stated)

- Blackpool v Peterborough (12.30pm)
- Cambridge v Huddersfield
- Leyton Orient v Barnsley
- MK Dons v Leicester (12.30pm)
- Notts County v Burton
- Plymouth v Bradford
- Sheff Wed v Bromley
- Stevenage v Doncaster
- Stockport v Wycombe

TOMORROW

- Mansfield v Luton (3pm)
- Wimbledon v Wigan (2pm)

DON FOR?

AFC WIMBLEDON have lost eight of their last ten games in League One (W1 D1) — scoring just two goals. They and Barnsley are the only sides yet to net in the third tier this season.

WIMBLEDON'S LAST TEN LEAGUE GAMES

Mar 28	Stockport (a)	L 3-0
Apr 3	Lincoln (a)	L 1-0
Apr 6	Luton (h)	L 3-0
Apr 11	Burton (a)	L 1-0
Apr 15	Stockport (h)	L 2-0
Apr 18	Plymouth (h)	L 3-1
Apr 25	Wigan (a)	W 1-0
May 2	Huddersfield (h)	L 4-0
Aug 15	Huddersfield (a)	L 3-0
Aug 22	Reading (h)	D 0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	2	2	0	0	3	0	6
Huddersfield	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Luton	2	1	1	0	6	5	4
Oxford Utd	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Cambridge	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Blackpool	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Burton Albion	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Bromley	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Stockport Cty	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Leyton Orient	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Mansfield	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Sheff Wed	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Peterborough	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
MK Dons	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Notts County	2	0	2	0	3	3	2
Wycombe	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Reading	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Leicester	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Stevenage	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Doncaster	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Barnsley	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Plymouth	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
AFC Wimbledn	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Wigan	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

GRAHAM ALEXANDER'S Bradford are the only side in League One this season to win their opening two games. They haven't won their opening three of a league campaign since 2008-09.

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TROPHY LIFE . . . Danny Simpson (right) and Danny Drinkwater Prem glory in 2016

For Fox sake

PREM WINNER DAN SICK OF FLOPS

SHAMBOLIC Leicester's lack of fight has left their former Premier League title winner Danny Simpson "sick and tired".

EXCLUSIVE by CHARLIE GORDON

The Foxes have made a dismal start to the League One season after back-to-back relegations plunged them into the third tier for the first time since 2009.

They were held by newly-promoted Notts County on the opening weekend and then lost 2-1 to Burton in a dreary home display, which saw Oliver Skipp *(far right)* sent off.

A 3-1 defeat at Ipswich in the Carabao Cup on Tuesday night compounded a miserable few weeks for new boss Russell Martin, who is already under pressure.

Just a decade after lifting the title and five years after clinching the FA Cup, the club is now up for sale at a knockdown price.

Squad management has been woeful and they were docked six points last season for breaking financial rules, which led to the relegation.

This summer, most of Leicester's big-name players have been snapped up by better teams or released.

The club's rock-bottom seems to get lower with each passing week.

And Martin said the players who remain were not hungry enough after the defeat by Burton. For Simpson, who played right-back in the Foxes' Prem-winning campaign, that is a major cause for concern.

He told SunSport: "Anyone playing football should be hungry enough.

"I'm sick and tired of talking about players not being hungry.

"Even if it's for selfish reasons. Get promoted, get more money, better wages. What are we doing here?

"As a player, you have to look in the mirror.

"Some of those players last year, if you'd have said they were going to get relegated, you'd have said 'no chance'.

"The attitude is poor. I played for a team for four or five years that really cared about the club.

"Did some of them last season? I don't know.

"They need to start making it a positive place again and it starts with the players on the pitch."

Today's trip to MK Dons already feels like a massive game for former Rangers and Southampton boss Martin *(left)*.

Many supporters are not convinced his tippy-tappy football will stand up in League One.

But those same fans are crying out for stability after a sequence of manager appointments gone wrong.

Leicester's last **SIX** bosses were all in the post for less than a year. King Power chiefs hope Martin can break that streak, handing him a hefty three-year deal in June.

And the Foxes are still the bookies' favourites to win the division and get promoted – even after their winless league start.

Anything less would be a disaster as debts pile up behind the scenes.

But Simpson, 39, fears they will not get an easy ride.

He said: "The problem they will find is that everybody wants to beat them.

"Everyone is going to raise the level every week.

"They have found the first two games tough already, so hopefully it's a bit of a wake-up call that says, 'You're being hunted by all these teams and you're going to have to be prepared for it every three or four days'. It's relentless.

"You've got to pull together and be a team that fights for each other, and then the football can take care of itself.

"I like Russell Martin. I have had dealings with him, played against him. I did a PFA course with him.

"He's open and honest. He's not going to change his ways – the club knew that.

"I've played in teams where we had Andy Carroll up front, we hit the big man.

"But if you don't have a big man up front, then don't do it.

"We have got to get behind him. You can play good football in this league."

LEICS AT A LOSS

LEICESTER are without a victory so far (D1 L1) — they last failed to win in their first three outside the Prem in 2010-11.

LAST TIME FOXES FAILED TO WIN OPENING THREE LEAGUE GAMES

(Outside top-flight - Championship)

Aug 7, 2010	C Palace (a)	L 3-2
Aug 14, 2010	Middlesbrough (h)	D 0-0
Aug 21, 2010	Burnley (a)	L 3-0
Aug 28, 2010	Reading (h)	L 2-1
Sep 11, 2010	Coventry (a)	D 1-1

MARTIN'S LAST 15 LEAGUE GAMES MANAGED

		Games	Wins	Win%
Southampton	Nov-Dec 2024	6	0	0%
Rangers	Aug-Oct 2025	7	1	14%
Leicester	Aug 2026	2	0	0%
TOTAL		15	1	7%

FROM JUNIOR TO SENIOR VERY QUICKLY

Adam grew up in Trotters crisis

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LEAGUE TWO
TODAY'S FIXTURES
(3pm unless stated)

- Barnet v Cheltenham (12.30pm)
- Colchester v Rochdale
- Crawley v Bristol R
- Gillingham v Northampton
- Grimsby v Fleetwood
- Newport v Tranmere
- Oldham v Swindon
- Port Vale v Crewe (12.30pm)
- Rotherham v Chesterfield (12.30pm)
- Shrewsbury v Salford
- Walsall v Accrington
- York v Exeter

CREWE CUT

PORT VALE have only lost one of their last 12 against Crewe — keeping eight clean sheets in that run.

VALE'S LAST 12 v ALEX

Aug 8, 2015	L1	Away	D0-0
Apr 9, 2016	L1	Home	W3-0
Aug 26, 2017	L2	Home	L1-0
Nov 7, 2017	FLT	Home	W4-2
Apr 2, 2018	L2	Away	D2-2
Sep 22, 2018	L2	Away	W1-0
Apr 6, 2019	L2	Home	W1-0
Nov 2, 2019	L2	Away	W1-0
Aug 29, 2023	LC	Home	D0-0*
Sep 5, 2023	FLT	Home	W1-0
Nov 25, 2024	L2	Home	D2-2
Mar 29, 2025	L2	Away	W1-0

*Won 2-0 on penalties

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	2	2	0	0	6	2	6
Crewe	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Walsall	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Tranmere	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Colchester	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
York	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Swindon	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Fleetwood	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Grimsby	2	1	1	0	1	0	4
Bristol Rovers	2	1	0	1	7	6	3
Newport Cty	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
Oldham	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Exeter	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Cheltenham	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Crawley Town	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Chesterfield	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Rotherham	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Northampton	2	0	1	1	0	1	1
Accrington	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Port Vale	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Gillingham	2	0	1	1	0	3	1
Salford City	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Rochdale	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Shrewsbury	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

SWINDON have had just three shots on target and nine efforts overall in League Two so far this season — no side has had fewer than Ian Holloway's boys in either of those.

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BEE HAPPY . . . Adam Senior (left) is thriving at Barnet

SENIOR CAREER RECORD

		Games
2019-23	Bolton	7
2021-22	Ashton (loan)	9
2021	York (loan)	4
2021-22	Chorley (loan)	5
2022-23	Telford (loan)	9
2023-25	Halifax	116
2025-	Barnet	54
	TOTAL	204

ADAM SENIOR was right in the thick of it as boyhood club Bolton Wanderers almost went to the wall.

By KEN LAWRENCE

Yet he believes the financial woes that only ended after the takeover of Football Ventures, led by Sharon Brittan, was the making of him.

Seven years since the group ended the Trotters' fears of liquidation, the centre-back knows he got as lucky as the club where he spent seven years himself as an academy player.

For without those problems before the start of the 2019-20 season, he might never have got the football education given him by former boss Keith Hill and his No2 David Flitcroft, despite Bolton's relegation from League One.

The 24-year-old is now a fixture in the Barnet side looking for a third League Two win in a row at home to Cheltenham today.

And he feels fortunate that he is playing at a club so well run by owner and chairman Tony Kleanthous.

But he often looks back to the dark days for many fans in his home town, Bolton.

He said: "Everybody was so worried for the club back then but in reality all the problems helped me and quite a few other young lads.

"Basically, because of those problems, a lot of youngsters got fast-tracked because there were so few other players around.

"I was just 17 and suddenly there I was playing and training with the first team, when in normal circumstances that would never have happened.

"Yet the experience was massive for me — Keith Hill had me in at eight in the morning, working all day and getting home late.

"I can't thank him and David Flitcroft enough for how much they helped me learn about the game and that experience has stood me in good stead.

"It wasn't nice watching the club struggle — everybody was worried about what might happen.

"Nobody wanted us to go under like Bury did and they were difficult times.

"But I realise that it actually worked to my benefit.

"Now I'm back in the Football League after that experience."

Senior only made seven appearances for Wanderers *(inset)* and was loaned out to non-league Ashton United, York City, Chorley and Telford United before finding himself at Halifax Town.

He signed for the Bees at the start of last season after their return to League Two and played all 46 games.

The Trotters fan was part of the Bolton squad that went up to League One in 2021. That experience might come in handy as Dean Brennan's side lie joint-top.

Northerner Senior feels right at home down south and said: "In my short spell at York the fans weren't happy because the club wasn't at the level it should have been.

"While, of course, there were all those problems at Bolton.

"But this is different. The owner works so hard to make things as good as possible for us here at The Hive.

"Our training ground is at least League One standard and yes — there's a real buzz about the place!

"We didn't start last season well but in the end got to eighth and the play-offs could have happened for us.

"We're only a couple of games into the new campaign but there's that same buzz while the fans are right behind us — we take loads of them with us for away games.

"Who knows, one day I might be back at Bolton and playing in the Prem — that's the dream — but I'm loving life with Barnet and so grateful that they took a chance on me.

"But for Bolton's problems and the way I was fast-tracked as a 17-year-old, I might not have made it at all."

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CELTIC'S EUROPA LEAGUE OPPONENTS

Marseille (h)	Celta Vigo (h)
Benfica (a)	Omonia (a)
Ferencvaros (h)	Besiktas (h)
Union-SG (a)	Torreense (a)

BOSS SAYS THE TIME FOR SULKING IS OVER

Smartin' O'Neill...

SIGN OF THE TIMES . . . O'Neill admits Celtic need to bolster their squad after their horror exit in Austria

MARTIN O'NEILL urged Celtic to recover quickly from their horror Champions League exit, with the help of new signings.

By ROGER HANNAH

Boss O'Neill, 74, has shouldered blame for blowing a four-goal lead and crashing out of the play-off to LASK Linz on Tuesday night.

The Hoops yesterday landed the likes of Benfica, Marseille, Besiktas and Celta Vigo in a mouthwatering Europa League campaign.

But O'Neill, who led the Hoops to the 2003 Uefa Cup final after exiting the top tournament at the same stage, insists they will only make an impact with more new faces.

He said: "We're still trying to get some players in. I hope that we can get them in before the deadline.

"Sometimes during the course of the last month, we felt close to people that we would know would be first choices. And then it's gone.

"We've brought in a couple that I think will do really fine for us.

"I'm hoping there's that opportunity before the transfer deadline to make the squad stronger, to make it better, to make the team better.

"And to compete in European football, you need that.

"You would be definitely looking for a left-back because Kieran Tierney's not going to, with the greatest respect, play all the games.

"You'd need a really strong replacement for Arne Engels, a box-to-box midfield player.

"We definitely just would need strengthening – and that's what we're going to try to do."

O'Neill insists lessons must be learned after the shattering collapse in Austria if the Bhoys are to hit the heights in Europe.

He added: "You're always one game away from a crisis.

"It's a major disappointment to get knocked out of the competition, particularly carrying the lead.

"It's my responsibility. We got beaten and now I'm obviously very disappointed with myself.

"The disappointment's still there. I'll have to look at my own part, first of all, before looking at anybody else's.

"We've had a little talk about it, about the game, about the major disappointment.

"But you have to recover pretty quickly. We genuinely need to learn. That's the most important thing, attempting to learn.

"I know that sounds like a politician's answer and saying what we should have done.

"But in my moment in the ashes – and I do feel like that – I think the club will rise, and I'm hoping in the not-too-distant future.

"I might not be here but I do think the club will not just qualify but make it through, really do fine in the competition and attempt to get to the latter stages."

Celts will also face Union Saint-Gilloise, Ferencvaros, Omonoia Nicosia and Portuguese minnows Torreense in the Europa League.

Captain Callum McGregor is a doubt for Falkirk's visit today with a stomach bug.

SHANKLAND . . . sorry

Shank shares blame

By CARL LONG

LAWRENCE SHANKLAND claims the players are to blame for Rangers' "sickening" Euro exit.

Boss Derek McInnes is feeling the heat after a stuttering start to his Ibrox reign plumbed new depths with defeat to Jablonec in their Conference League play-off on Thursday night.

Gers lost a 1-0 first-leg lead in the Czech Republic before going out following a shootout.

They have no Euro football after August for the first time since 2017.

Rangers have won two and lost three of McInnes' first seven games — and travel to his former club Aberdeen tomorrow.

But skipper Shankland, who worked under McInnes at Hearts last season, says the under-fire gaffer is not to blame.

The Scotland striker, 31, said: "It's massively on the players. It's sickening.

"We need to take responsibility for that. We know that in the changing room.

"Over two legs, we were confident that it was a tie we could take care of.

"There haven't been too many times where I've had to apologise to a travelling support.

"But after Thursday, we owed fans that apology."

● Celtic and Rangers have been ordered to play their next home Scottish Cup matches behind closed doors.

Scottish chiefs punished the Old Firm rivals after on-pitch clashes between fans following the Bhoys' Cup quarter-final win at Ibrox in March.

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ITAUMA OUT TO BEAT AJ BELT FEAT

EXCLUSIVE by JACK FIGG

MOSES ITAUMA is ready to grab Anthony Joshua's heavyweight baton and his old belt as he heralds a new dawn for British boxing.

Ten years ago, AJ catapulted himself to stardom when he knocked out Charles Martin at London's O_2 in just his 16th pro fight to claim the IBF world title *(right)*.

That started a golden age for Brits in the ring – which Itauma looks set to continue.

And ahead of tonight's clash with Filip Hrgovic for the vacant IBF crown – in just Itauma's **15TH FIGHT** – the rising superstar told SunSport: "When I do win, it will be the start of a reign."

He was only 11 years old back in April 2016 and just two years into the beginning of his boxing love story that has seen him rack up a 14-0 professional record.

Itauma recalled: "I watched it at home in Kent, with my dad.

"The first-ever fight I watched live was Billy Joe Saunders and Chris Eubank Jr, in November 2014.

"Second fight I watched live was Joshua and Dillian Whyte. And then the third one

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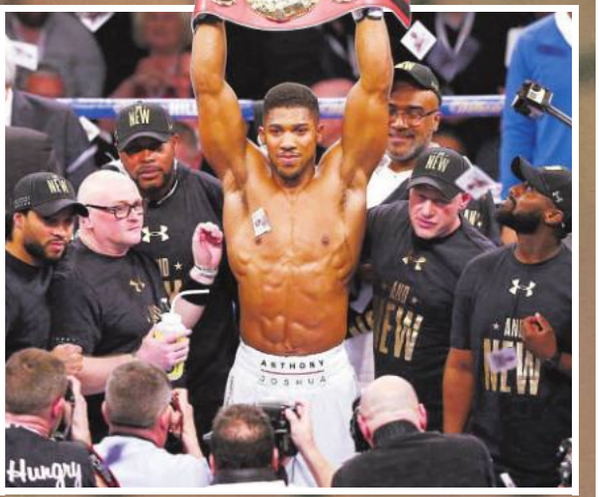

GOT WHAT IT TAKES . . . Moses Itauma is aiming to become Britain's newest world heavyweight champ at London's O_2 tonight *Picture: Sam Barker @Mavericks Magazine*

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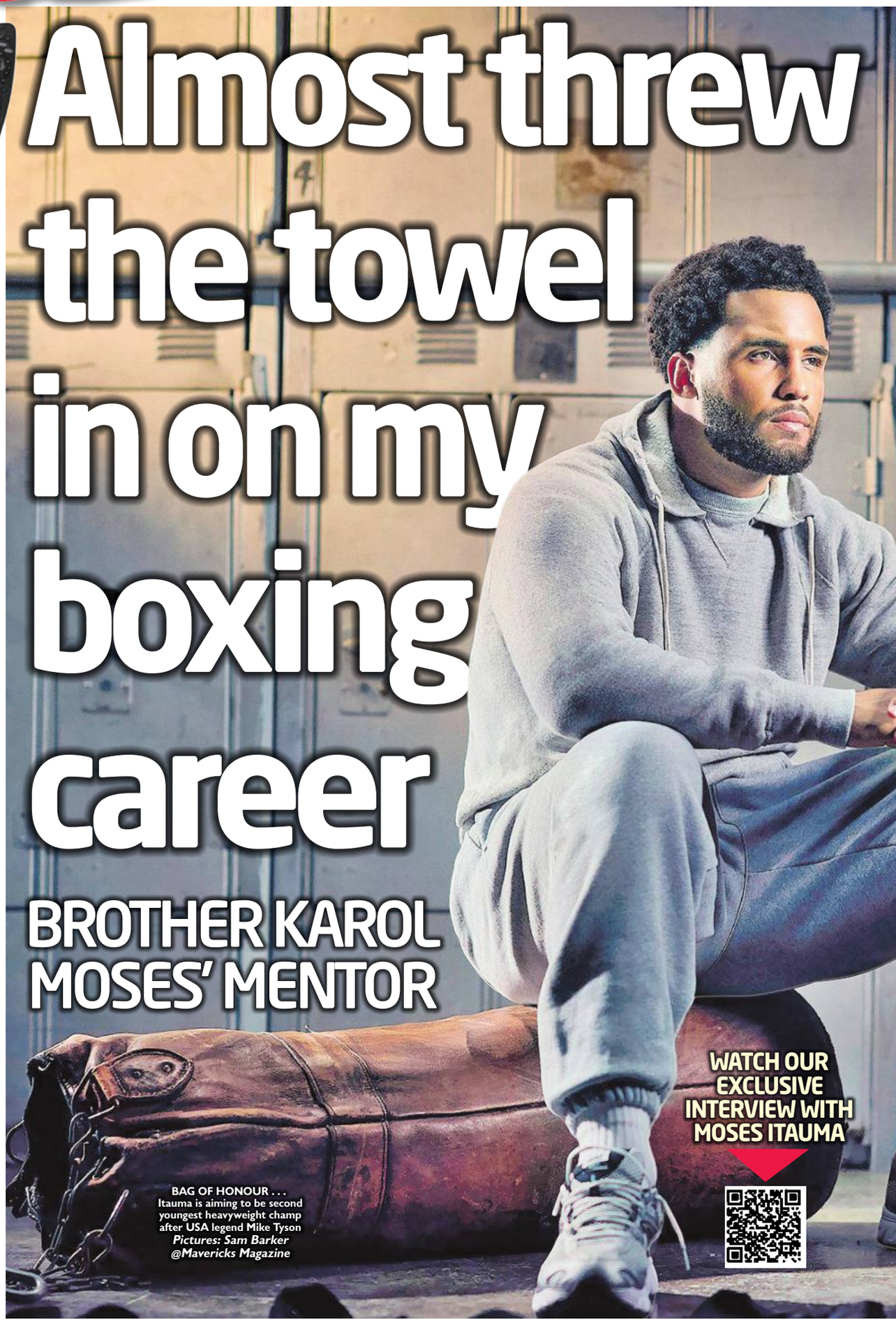
Almost threw the towel in on my boxing career

BROTHER KAROL MOSES' MENTOR



BAG OF HONOUR . . . Itauma is aiming to be second youngest heavyweight champ after USA legend Mike Tyson *Pictures: Sam Barker @Mavericks Magazine*

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2. Click 'Buy now' to create an account or sign in with your account details
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By JACK FIGG

EXCLUSIVE

MOSES ITAUMA faces the biggest test of his life with his brothers in arms — after helping hero sibling Karol overcome a career-ending heart attack.

Karol *(right)*, 25, won a gold medal at the 2018 Youth Olympics and turned professional two years later with high hopes.

But after just 14 bouts and with his baby bro growing on his undercards, Karol was forced to hang up his gloves having suffered a brush with death, far from the ring, in 2024.

It meant a lifetime of work was painfully stripped away but Moses — who once needed his big brother to get his career back on track — felt the strength of the family pull together.

And the 21-year-old takes that into tonight's IBF world heavyweight title fight against Croatian Filip Hrgovic at London's O2.

Opening up for the first time on the heart-breaking topic, Moses told SunSport: "You try to not make boxing your identity but let it be part of your identity.

"My brother had been boxing since he was 14 and had to retire when he was 24, so it's been part of his life for so long.

"I don't want to spill too much about my personal life but it was about trying to find somebody, or something, to try and identify with — or make something else part of your identity.

"I think us all being around made it easier for him.

"And I feel like, if I were ever to come across that hurdle, I can say I've got confidence because of the systems that we had in place when my brother went through it."

Karol — who launches the Club Eight3 health gym in Chatham, Kent next month — played a huge part in guiding Moses to the 14-0 career that leads him to his first crack at heavyweight gold.

But Moses revealed he almost threw his talent away during the Covid lockdown — when he stopped boxing and mixed in the wrong circles.

It was only after Karol came up with the ingenious plan to pay Moses £1 for every kilometre he ran that the boy wonder got his life and career back on track.

Moses said: "I kind of started hanging around with the wrong crowd and probably started doing things I shouldn't be doing.

"And then my brother saw me at McDonald's or a Tesco or something like that, right next to the wrong party and he was like, 'Oh, what are you doing around them?'

"He was like, 'You ain't gonna get nowhere'. And I was like, 'But I ain't gonna get nowhere with boxing'.

"I was like, 'I ain't getting paid from boxing. So why am I doing it?'

"And then he said, 'For every kilometre you run I'll give you a pound.'

"I just started running 10k, 15k, whatever. And obviously my brother's giving me £15, £12, £10. From doing those runs I got fit and I was like, I might as well go to the gym again.

"Lawrence Okolie invited me to spar him and then I started getting paid and I was like, OK cool, I'm starting to see the upside to this."

Karol, who with siblings Charles and Samuel helps Moses with his career, added: "I guess it was just for me as an older brother to look out for him and try to get him on the right path.

"We all know that family and your inner circle is the most important thing anyone has. We are a close family and that's how we want to keep it."

Moses might be the one in the ring terrorising opponents with freak speed and power — but he credits it all to his band of brothers.

He said: "I think one of the things that keeps me so grounded and in touch with reality is the fact that maybe since I was like 14 years old my whole circle agreed that this is what I'm gonna do. 'You're gonna be a boxer.'

"And every time I try to step out of that, my circle will probably be pushing me back into that so I guess they kind of showed me that I can't slack off.

"I've got to do what I've always got to do and obviously I never would want to be in a position where half my brothers ain't here for some weird reason and I can't do it. I would definitely not be here without them."

Itauma has the chance to become the youngest heavyweight world champ since Mike Tyson — who broke the record aged 20 in 1986.

And with Anthony Joshua, 36, and Tyson Fury, 38, finally set to commence their Battle of Britain before hopefully sailing off into the sunset, the Itauma era is ahead of us.

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was Joshua against Charles Martin."

Joshua, 36, only picked up a pair of gloves at 18.

But four years later, he sensationally won Olympic super-heavyweight gold at London 2012.

Itauma, meanwhile, was a child prodigy, knocking out grown men when he was aged just TWELVE.

And he watched AJ's crowning night blissfully unaware of the meteoric rise that awaited him.

Itauma, still just 21, said: "For me, the journey is the destination and I never thought about the end goal because I liked being in the gym.

"I liked boxing, sparring, running and lifting weights, so it wasn't even about becoming a world champion.

"I just genuinely liked training, especially with the community I had down the boxing gym."

Itauma has the chance to become the youngest world heavyweight champ since Mike Tyson almost 40 years ago.

Iron Mike was 20 when he KO'd Trevor Berbick in the second round of their WBC title fight in November 1986.

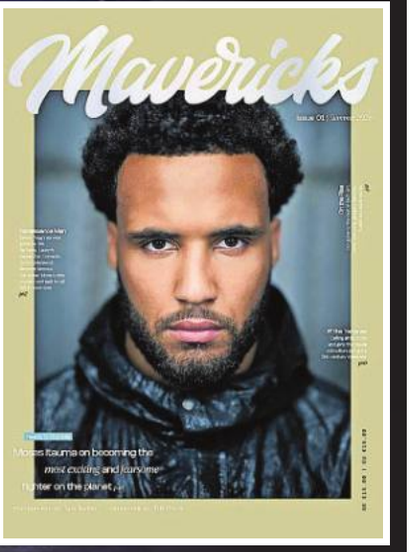
Tonight will be the first time some fans tune in to watch the man tipped to carry the heavyweight division for years to come.

And Itauma has put in the hard graft to get his chance — knocking out 12 opponents without going past round six.

The 6ft 4½in star added: "Leading up to Mariusz Wach was a lot of work, then Dillian Whyte was a lot of work. Demsey McKean and Jermaine Franklin, a lot of work.

"And now to go and defeat Hrgovic at such a young age and dealing with everything outside the ring, that takes a lot."

It certainly does — but Itauma has done a great job of making it look easy.



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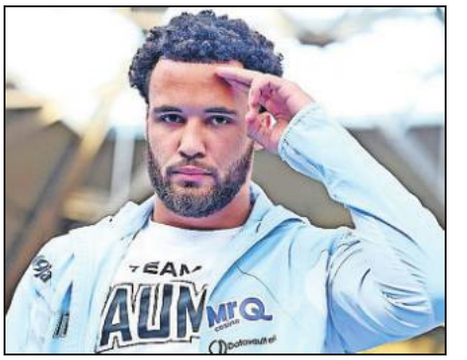

SALUTE . . . Itauma on promo duty in London this week

Refreshing lack of spicy spar stories

IN JUST three years, Moses Itauma has restored the sanctity of sparring.

Training rounds in sweatbox gyms, away from the bright lights, TV cameras and big paydays, should be sacrosanct.

An established pro with a fight coming up will host a handful of tasty amateurs, unknowns or foreign prospects for crucial practice sessions.

Nothing is won or lost in sparring, the gloves are bigger, headguards are usually on, everything is there to be tried, learned and adapted.

World champion George Groves always started fight week with a black eye, Callum Simpson began his recent British title rematch win over Troy Williamson with a hard-earned shiner.

myView By WALLY DOWNES Jr SunSport boxing correspondent

But spars — like it or loathe it — can often be the basis of a young fighter's folklore.

Privately educated nepo baby Chris Eubank Jr would go to war with world champ Carl Froch and tell the tale.

An unknown Finchley ABC super-heavyweight once missed a bricklaying shift to spar Tyson Fury — with the promise of Rolex if the raw novice could drop him.

He shook him with an uppercut and 16 years later we are still talking about Anthony Joshua and the Gypsy King finally fighting.

When Daniel Dubois turned pro, his potential was boosted by rumours he bashed up AJ on a trip up to his Sheffield training base.

But who has claimed to have schooled 21-year-old Itauma? No one.

Instead it has almost become a rite of passage to be bashed up by the 6ft 3in deadeye southpaw.

Olympic silver winning Juggernaut Joe Joyce, ex-cruiserweight world champ Lawrence Okolie and even 6ft 9in Fury all scoff at the idea of turning their training rounds with Itauma into real ones — that's how highly they rate him.

Derek Chisora, the archetypal prize fighter who has battled every big man across **TWO** eras for cold hard cash, said "f*** that" when offered a pension pot to meet the man half his age.

With the IBF world title belt potentially around his waist tonight, everyone should want a piece of Itauma.

The dozens of hungry British heavyweights desperate to make a name for themselves could lay claim to laying him out in private — but nobody has tried it.

Itauma has not taken liberties either.

He admits to bad spars and not being Mr Perfect or Superman.

But in the age of social media, leaked footage and loose lips, the talk of Itauma is only positive.

It's bizarre. But it's also a reason certain pleas for his "chin to be checked" are silly.

Even with 20oz training gloves and headguards, Itauma was still a schoolboy when getting punched by Joyce, Okolie, Joshua and Fury.

And has any one of those bonafide big men tried to undermine his hype train? Nope.

Since SunSport was invited down to his old Ropes & Glory gym in Chatham on his 18th birthday, we have watched his reputation and rankings slowly rise without trash talk, PR spin or hyperbole.

Without a London 2012 gold to launch his career — nor a Netflix show, nor charity Christmas song — Itauma is making his name with fighting alone.

A win tonight should spark a wave of rivals coming out of the woodwork to claim dominance over the heir apparent.

But going by history, this industry will beam about the boy wonder.

And getting beaten up by him — in the gym or the ring — will be an even bigger badge of honour.

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ITAUMA

Nickname(s)
None

Nationality
British

Career
2023-present

Total fights
14

Wins
14

Reach
79in (201cm)

Rounds boxed
31

86% KOs

Knockouts **12**

Draws **0**

Defeats **0**

Height
6ft 4in

Wins
PTS **2**
TKO **10**
KO **2**
RETIRED **0**

Days since last fight
154 DAYS

WINS BY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8	3	NONE	NONE	1	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

DEBUT: Jan 28, 2023, v **Marcel Bode** (Wembley, London) **Won TKO**

LAST FIGHT: Mar 28, 2026, v **Jermaine Franklin Jr** (Co-op Arena, Manchester) **Won TKO**

FORM GUIDE

Mar 28, 2026	Jermaine Franklin Jr	W TKO
Aug 16, 2025	Dillian Whyte	W TKO
May 24, 2025	Mike Balogun	W TKO
Dec 21, 2024	Demsey McKean	W TKO
Jul 28, 2024	Mariusz Wach	W TKO
May 18, 2024	Ilja Mezencev	W TKO

Weigh-in
17st 3lb

Follo

Instagram **257K**

Facebook **N/A**

Southpaw

Age
21

Birthplace
Kežmarok, Slovakia

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O2 Arena

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ROUND

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4	1	6	2	1	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	1

DEBUT: Sep 30, 2017, v **Raphael Zumbano** (Arena Riga) **W TKO**

LAST FIGHT: May 16, 2026, v **David Allen** (Keepmoat, Stadium, Doncaster) **W TKO**

LAST 6 FIGHTS

May 16, 2026	David Allen	W TKO
Aug 16, 2025	David Adeleye	W PTS
Apr 5, 2025	Joe Joyce	W PTS
Jun 1, 2024	Daniel Dubois	L TKO
Dec 23, 2023	Mark De Mori	W TKO
Aug 12, 2023	Demsey McKean	W TKO

Days since last fight **105 DAYS**

Wins
PTS **5**
TKO **10**
KO **4**
RETIRED **1**

Reach **82in (208cm)**

Rounds boxed **105**

Total fights **21**

Wins **20**

Nickname **El Animal**

Nationality **Croatian**

Career **2017-present**

Height **6ft 6in**

75% KOs

Knockouts **15**

Draws **0**

Defeats **1**

Weigh-in **16st 12lb**

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Facebook **49k**

Instagram **89k**

Orthodox

Age **34**

Birthplace **Zagreb, Croatia**

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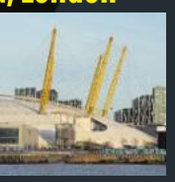

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YOU DON'T STARE ME . . . Moses Itauma face to face with tonight's opponent Filip Hrgovic as promoter Frank Warren looks on

Double take

MOSES PALS IN COPYCAT CRAZE

MOSES ITAUMA'S rise has been so fast his childhood rivals are already lining up to imitate him.

EXCLUSIVE by WALLY DOWNES Jr

The boxing superstar, 21, followed in the footsteps of generational sporting icons Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods and Cristiano Ronaldo by signing an exclusive sponsorship deal with Nike around 2024.

And ahead of tonight's IBF world title clash with Filip Hrgovic, he is now a staple part of the sports brand's image.

The Kent wonderkid had a central part in the recent Nike Studio Fleece advert – stood on a stage surrounded by lookalikes pretending to upstage him.

And when the director called "action", Itauma was stunned to see a pair of childhood training partners earning a crust as his tribute acts.

Itauma explained to SunSport: "All of them were supposed to be my lookalikes.

"But when I went on stage and sat down and was supposed to interview them, I recognised a couple of them.

"I had sparred Luis Wright back in the day when we were training for GB up in Sheffield.

"I remember sparring him when I was maybe 13.

"He was there for his Team GB trials but I was just there for an England camp.

"And then he was there, it was mad, I couldn't help asking 'what are you doing here?'

"He got brought in to be one of my stunt doubles, nothing to do with our boxing history, so it was mad to just be crossing paths."

Ollie Edwards was another impersonator who had an even more profound effect on young Itauma when he rose up the ranks in Chatham, Kent.

Itauma added: "Ollie was the guy in the ad with the clipboard.

"And I have known him for a long, long time.

"We used to box for the same amateur gym and I remember when I was about nine years old I was skipping but I wasn't very good. And I was skipping next to Ollie and, at this point, he was one of the best in the gym.

"I remember he started talking to me and trying to help me with my skipping, I remember him taking the time to talk to me.

"But he was just trying to obviously embrace me as part of the club.

"And the next thing you know, 12 years down the line, he's like one of my duplicates for the Nike shoot."

Manager Francis Warren – son of Queensberry promoting legend Frank – set up groundbreaking deals for his client not just with Nike but also audio giants Bang & Olufsen.

And since his dad spent the last half century promoting everyone from Frank Sinatra to Mike Tyson, he knows a star when he sees one.

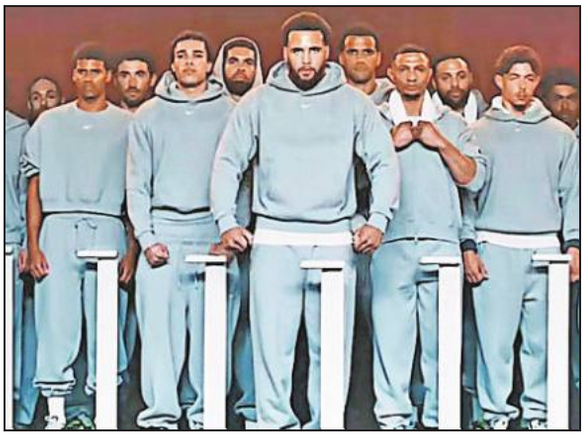
Warren Jr told SunSport: "These phenomenal talents only come along every now and again. Moses is a potential generational great, even at 21.

"I don't expect him to be doing this into his thirties, though.

"I think he's in and out, smash this to pieces for the next ten years, and go, 'See ya later!'

"He'll go and do something else special with whatever he does because he's not just a fighter, he's got a good business brain.

"He's got good people around him, he's investing his money correctly, he's doing everything the right way."



ONE OF A KIND . . . Itauma (middle) in the recent Nike Studio Fleece advert

KO . . . Itauma crushes Bode on debut

A journey to cusp of greatness

MARCEL BODE, KO
January 28, 2023
Itauma's debut arrived at Wembley Arena on the undercard of Anthony Yarde's brave loss to Artur Beterbiev.
The Czech was dispatched in 23 violent seconds by a pair of left hands.

RAMON ALBERTO IBARRA, KO
March 25, 2023
The Argentinean tough guy lasted 12 more seconds than Bode — before a left-hand/right-hook finished the chunky journeyman.

KOSTIANTYN DOVBYSHCHENKO, POINTS
April 15, 2023
Ukrainian went the six-round distance and a few online trolls claimed this was a sign Itauma was a hype job.

KEVIN ESPINDOLA, POINTS
July 29, 2023
A second straight dominant decision win had some divs writing Itauma off — aged 18 — because he could not secure another early finish.

AMINE BOUCETTA, TKO
September 23, 2023
The Belgian nicknamed 'The Beast' was dropped twice in the opening round by beautiful shots and saved by the referee before round two.

ISTVAN BERNATH, TKO
October 28, 2023
Kent wunderkind made his Saudi debut with a two-minute wipeout.

MICHAL BOLOZ, TKO
December 1, 2023
Back at York Hall the Polish gatekeeper was poleaxed in 60 seconds.

DAN GARBER, TKO
March 22, 2024
Itauma had a hard-earned rest at the start of the year. Yorkshire southpaw Garber did well to last 2min 22sec on his ring return.

ILJA MEZENCEV, TKO
May 18, 2024
Riyadh return against the Kazakhstan-born German with impressive 25-3 record. He got bashed up in a minute.

MARIUSZ WACH, TKO
July 27, 2024
The big Pole took Wladimir Klitschko the distance in a 2012 world title fight— but Itauma iced the 6ft 7in Viking in two rounds.

DEMSEY McKEAN, TKO
December 21, 2024
Towering former kickboxer was only stopped by Filip Hrgovic in the 12th round in August 2023. Itauma beat the giant Aussie in one round.

MIKE BALOGUN, TKO
May 24, 2025
Itauma took a quick trip to Scotland to grab Tartan Army fans and quickly crushed the American in two minutes.

DILLIAN WHYTE, TKO
August 16, 2025
The Body Snatcher, who frightened Anthony Joshua and beat world champs Alexander Povetkin and Joe Parker, was obliterated in another one-sided two-minute masterclass.

JERMAINE FRANKLIN, TKO
March 28, 2026
Gatekeeper took AJ and Whyte the distance. But Itauma bashed the American up in five super rounds to launch into world title contention.

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Haye: Filip is so dangerous

By WALLY DOWNES Jr

DAVID HAYE wants to remind the world that 21-year-old Moses Itauma is taking on one of the scariest men on the planet.

Despite Filip Hrgovic's 2016 Olympic bronze medal, his 13-year head start to life and three broken Brits currently atop his record, Itauma is a ridiculous 7-1 **ON** favourite tonight.

The 6ft 6in Croatian spent the last 16 months bashing up Joe Joyce, David Adeleye and David Allen.

And he only lost to Daniel Dubois in June 2024 on gruesome cuts around his eyes, having dominated the ferocious London power puncher for most of the previous eight rounds.

The bookies are rarely wrong, but Hrgovic being a 7-1 underdog in a two-horse race is an insult to the man tipped to be Eastern Europe's heavyweight hope after Wladimir Klitschko was retired by Anthony Joshua.

And Haye – who has known the threat 34-year-old Hrgovic carries for 13 years, after he brought him over to London for sparring and an accidental cut cost him a Tyson Fury fight – is one of the few voices who is highlighting the long shot's massive threat.

The 45-year-old former cruiser and heavyweight world champ told SunSport: "I'm a big believer in Moses Itauma. I've seen him from the start, I love what he does.

"But he's jumping up such a massive amount in Hrgovic. He's not a rollover job – he's not turning up to pick up a paycheck. No.

"He's coming to win and he's got a game plan and it's going to be very spicy very soon, very early.

"Filip Hrgovic is probably one of the most dangerous fighters in the world in the heavyweight division."

Hrgovic has failed to fulfil his potential but he insists minimal promotion in Zagreb and a couple of early contract disasters have scuppered his career.

When he got the big chance against Dubois, he spent the opening five rounds battering the Londoner.

But then both eyes were slashed open and the ref pulled him out without him suffering a single knockdown.

Ten months later Adeleye also unloaded everything he had but Hrgovic weathered the storm and drowned the Englishman on the scorecards.

So Haye wants fight fans to remember what Itauma is taking on and what a victory – beyond claiming the IBF belt – would prove and mean.

The Haymaker said: "It's more than a banana skin. Filip Hrgovic, he is world class. You could chuck him with anybody and he'll give them a hard night's work and possibly beat them.

"I'm going to have to see stuff from Moses I haven't seen him do yet.

"I believe it's in there. I love what I've seen from him, he hasn't put a foot wrong.

"Is that because there's nothing wrong with him, or the people he's fought haven't been good enough to ask the questions that need to be asked?

"Filip's going to ask some questions, for sure.

"People are writing Filip off like he's a massive underdog – he's not.

"Take away the hype, take away what we all deeply believe and want – for Moses Itauma to be the next heavyweight champion.

"Take that away and you have got a novice heavyweight who's fought on fringe level versus a rock-solid, world-class heavyweight who should have fought for the world title many years ago but just didn't get the opportunity."

FIL THE POWER . . . Filip Hrgovic roughs up David Adeleye in Riyadh last year and David Haye (right) has warned Moses Itauma he is facing a beast

Our hard-hitting boxing panel have their say on Itauma v Hrgovic

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USYK . . . farewell fight

Warren: Usyk not outta his league...

EXCLUSIVE by JACK FIGG

FRANK WARREN still backs Moses Itauma to fight Oleksandr Usyk — even if the feeling is NOT reciprocated.

Usyk, 39, vacated the undisputed heavyweight world title belts over the past year and is looking for a final farewell fight.

Ex-WBC champion Deontay Wilder is the man the Ukrainian wants to face to close out his career.

Usyk claimed he would "break" the momentum of Itauma's young career.

Warren matched the pair up before Usyk's belts came up for grabs — but the promoter says he would have put Itauma in there with ANY opponent.

That includes former two-weight undisputed champ Usyk, as Warren told SunSport: "I would have the confidence to put him in with Usyk. I know that's a bold statement. But he's an unbelievable, unique fighter.

"I think he has the beating of nearly everybody there. And I'll tell you who agrees with me on that — Usyk himself."

And Frank's son, Francis, has managed Itauma since he turned professional in 2023 at 18.

He was gobsmacked when he saw Itauma spar with a British champion four years earlier.

Francis Warren told SunSport's podcast: "A trainer Al Smith gave me a call. He said, 'Get yourself down here quickly. Come and have a look at this. This is special.'

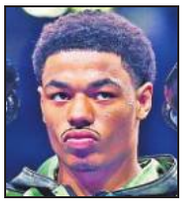
"I knew the name, but I'd never met him before. I didn't expect him to be sparring, but he was there with a British champ at the time, and he was only 14.

"It wasn't like a big, heavy spar, but he was having a go — and he could really move.

"You could see the feet, the feints, the head, you could just see it. It was like watching poetry in motion, even at that age."

Two years later Francis signed Itauma to a scholarship contract with his dad's Queensberry Promotions. Itauma turned pro with the Warren family, drawing comparisons to Mike Tyson.

DAZN ITAUMA v HRGOVIC DAZN



ATANG . . . on a mission

Leo: I'll be one to rival Moses

EXCLUSIVE by JACK FIGG

MOSES ITAUMA is tipped to rule the heavyweight division for years to come — but Brit prospect Leo Atang will have something to say about that.

Itauma can bring the heavyweight title back to Kent tonight when he fights Filip Hrgovic for the IBF heavyweight belt.

The 21-year-old is not only backed to fly the flag in the absence of Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury — but also surpass their already iconic legacies.

Yet Atang — 8-0 with seven knockouts at 19 — has warned he will be the man to contest the crown already being placed on Itauma.

Atang said: "With Moses getting to the top right now and everyone raving about him, I can blend into the background, work on myself and climb the ladder eventually.

"Everyone says it to me, but of course I'm going to back myself against him when it comes to it in the future cause he's going to be up there.

"It would be stupid for me not to back myself. I'd be in the wrong sport.

"He's going to be up there at the top — that's where I want to get to and that's what I'm working towards. If he is there, then so be it."

Itauma has the chance to become the second-youngest heavyweight champ of all time behind Mike Tyson — who set the record aged 20 in 1986.

But Tyson had boxed 74 rounds on his way to the belt while the great Muhammad Ali had 101 under his belt before winning it at 22.

By comparison, Itauma has gone just 31 rounds in his 14-0 career which includes 12 knockouts.

Atang added: "It'll put him up there, especially with his age, of how young he is getting there.

"It also sets up other bigger fights because those people, the fighters out there with world titles, they are going to want to get his title as well.

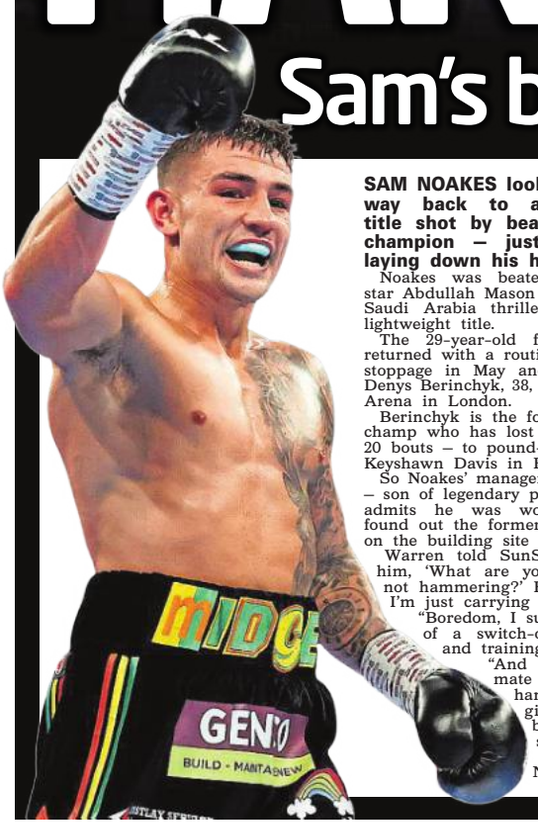
"So, it's going to create bigger fights and bigger nights for him."

Itauma has never gone past round six — but Atang doubts that will matter. He predicted: "I'm going for a late stoppage for Moses."

THAT'S ALL, NOAKES . . . Sam Noakes punches Abdullah Mason but lost the 2025 WBO lightweight title fight in Riyadh

HARD NUT!

Sam's building up to title shot



SAM NOAKES looks to build his way back to another world title shot by beating a former champion — just weeks after laying down his hard hat.

Noakes was beaten by American star Abdullah Mason last August in a Saudi Arabia thriller for the WBO lightweight title.

The 29-year-old from Kent *(left)* returned with a routine second-round stoppage in May and now takes on Denys Berinchyk, 38, tonight at the O_2 Arena in London.

Berinchyk is the former lightweight champ who has lost just once in his 20 bouts – to pound-for-pound talent Keyshawn Davis in February 2025.

So Noakes' manager Francis Warren – son of legendary promoter Frank – admits he was worried when he found out the former roofer was still on the building site three weeks ago.

Warren told SunSport: "I said to him, 'What are you doing? You're not hammering?' He goes, 'No, no, I'm just carrying stuff about!'

"Boredom, I suppose, but a bit of a switch-off from dieting and training.

"And if he's got a mate who needs a hand, he'll go and give him a hand, because he's that sort of guy."

Everywhere Noakes goes, his older brother Sean – the 13-1 former English welterweight champion – will follow.

But the brilliant duo are now **BANNED** from sparring each other because things get too tasty.

Warren revealed: "They argue. I mean, when they go at each other, they do not hold back.

"If one of them's a bit out of camp and put a bit of timber on, they kill each other! They're a good double act, those two."

Warren is holding out for Noakes to rematch Mason, 22, or get a crack at one of the other 135lb title holders.

The manager added: "He feels like he's got a wrong to right there, and if Abdullah does move up, then he will be in a good position for a vacant title.

"I speak to him regularly. I've got my remit as to what he's asked me to do for the back end of his career, but he's 30 next year.

"He's been at it for quite a while, and he's been with us, with me, since the start.

"It's quite a nice journey to go from that start to now a crack hopefully at a world title, and just making sure he's financially secure.

"And he gets out at the right time with all his faculties intact, because he's just such a delight to be around.

"I always say if my boy grows up to be like Sam, I think he's just one of the best guys I've ever met in the world, a lovely family."

Noakes has proven to be one of Britain's most exciting talents with 16 of his wins coming by way of knockout or stoppage.

And Warren predicted: "It's going to be tough, but I think Sam's engine will ring true and I think he'll come through.

"I think he'll stop him late on, sort of seven to nine. But he's got to be on it for the first five or six, because Denys is one of those super talented Ukrainian footwork specialists who moves their head and keeps you thinking.

"So he's got to be on it. He's also got to just make sure he's over the Abdullah Mason fight. That's why he was on the Top Tier show and I really appreciate the guys for making sure that was shaken off.

"He's coming off the back of a win, he's in good spirits, he's had a good camp. Trainer Al Smith and the team down there do a terrific job and he works his balls off.

"So I think Sam's engine and power will ring through."